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D-rank Hunter,
Ahjin Guild

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7-star-ranked Hunter

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S-rank Hunter,
Hunters Guild

Gunhee Go

S-rank Hunter, President of
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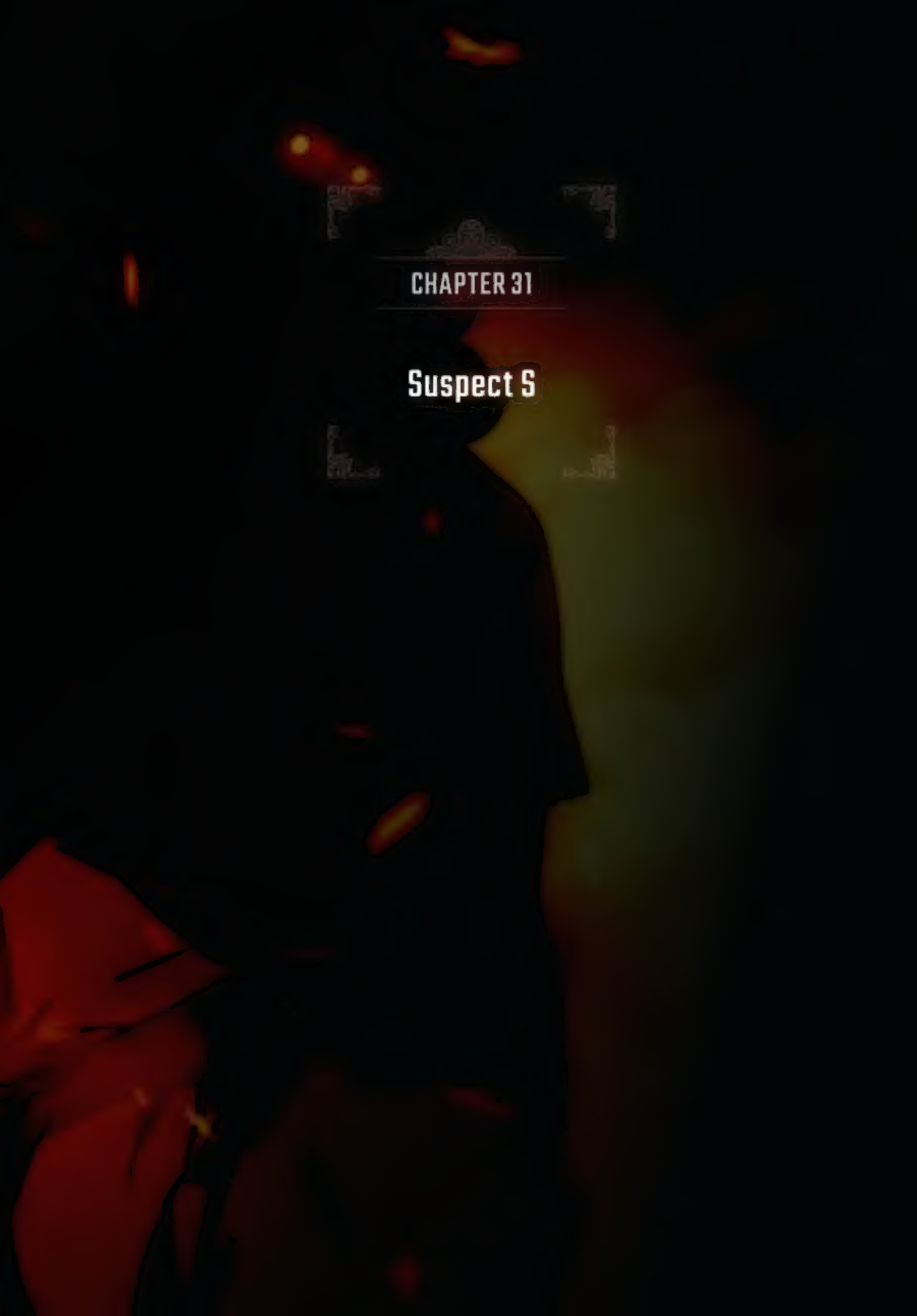
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<Evacuate the injured!>
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
<Get away from the guild master!>
FSHH
BOOM

LEAP
KA-BOO
WHISH
THUD

<Capture.>
SHWP
[Skill: Ruler's Authority] has been activated.
SHWP
WHOOSH

<He's pulling me in even faster this time?>
<Does he... want to go head-to-head against me?>

<Come at me, bro.>
<Enforcement.>

KA
POW

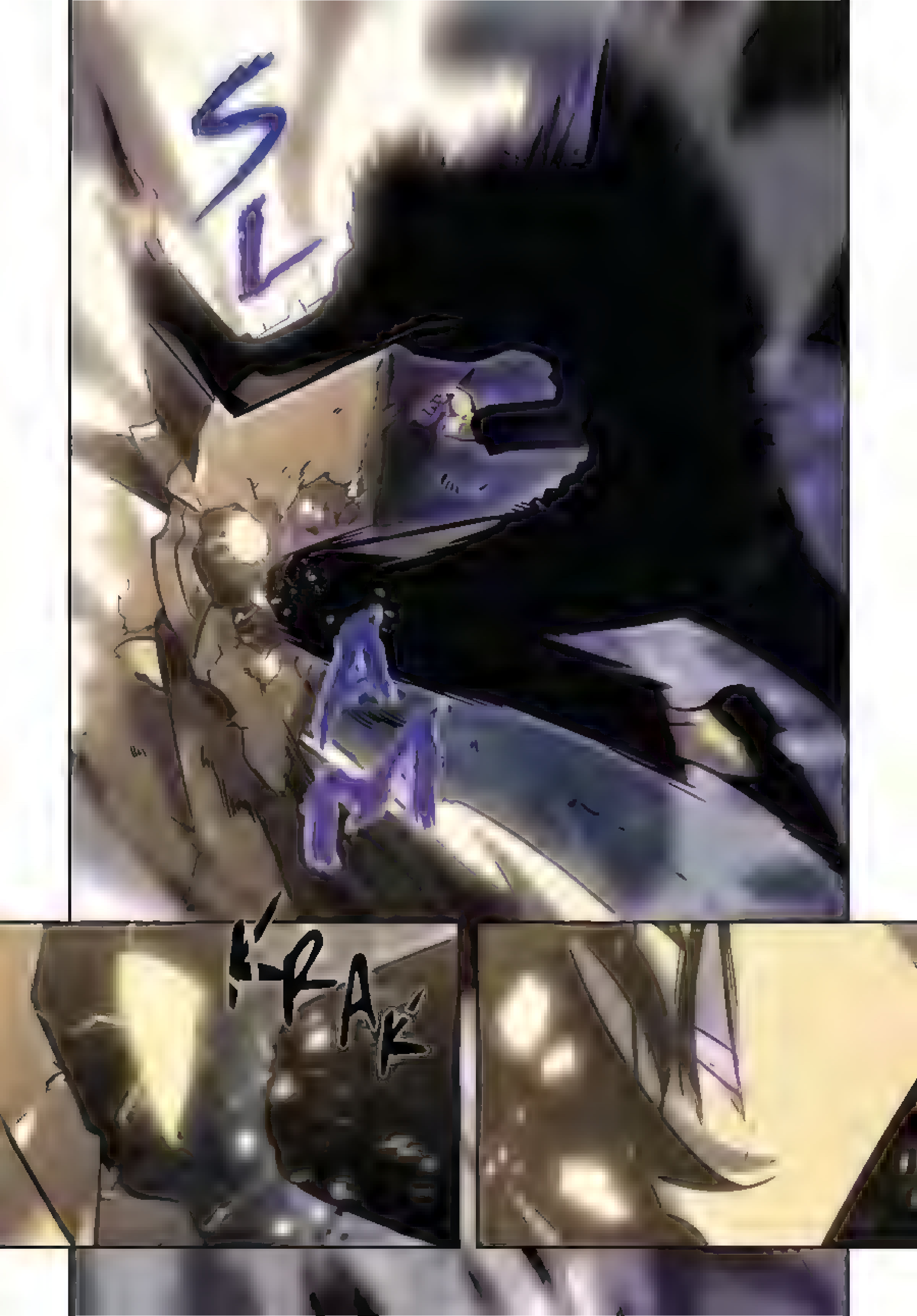
POW

RUMBLE

KA-BOOM
BOOM

TMP
<RAAAAH!!>
CLATTER

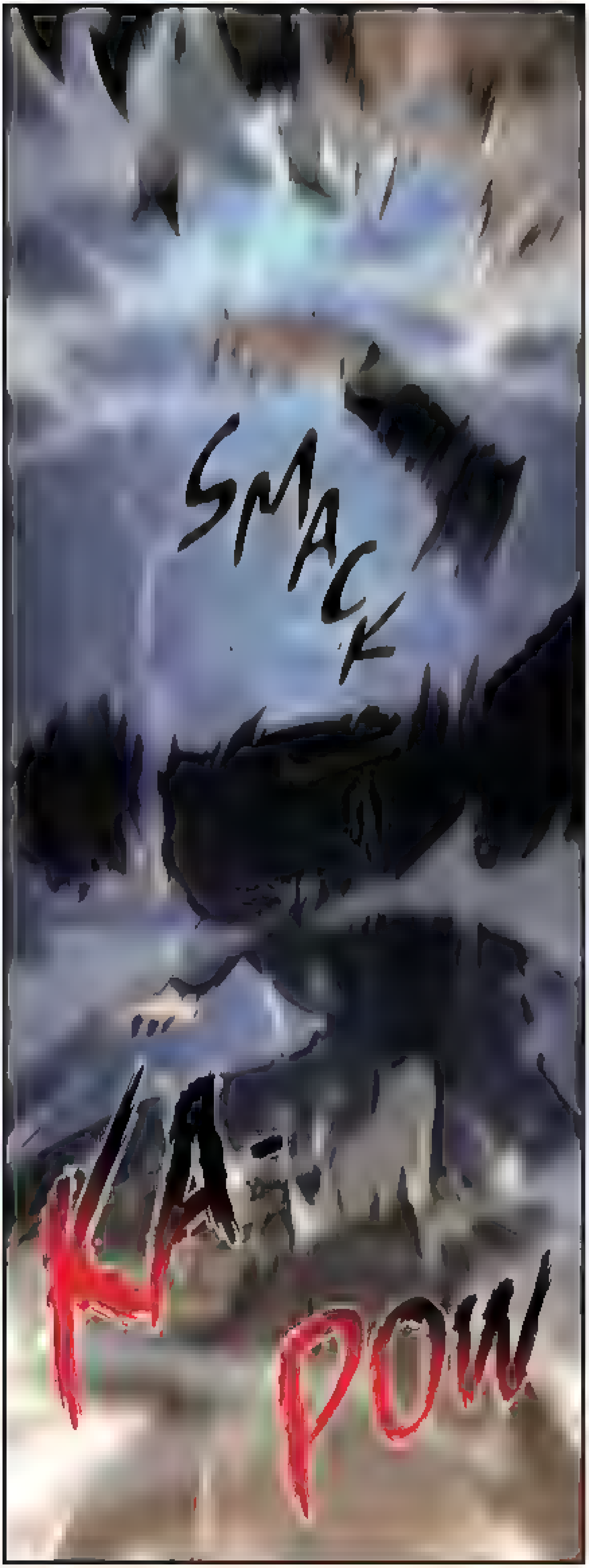
GRAAAAH!
WHOOSH
CRASH
GRAB


SLAM
KRAK

CLAMOR
SKRT
CLAMOR
<Damn...>
<What kind of monsters are generating this much magic power?>
<It's extremely dangerous, so be prepared.>

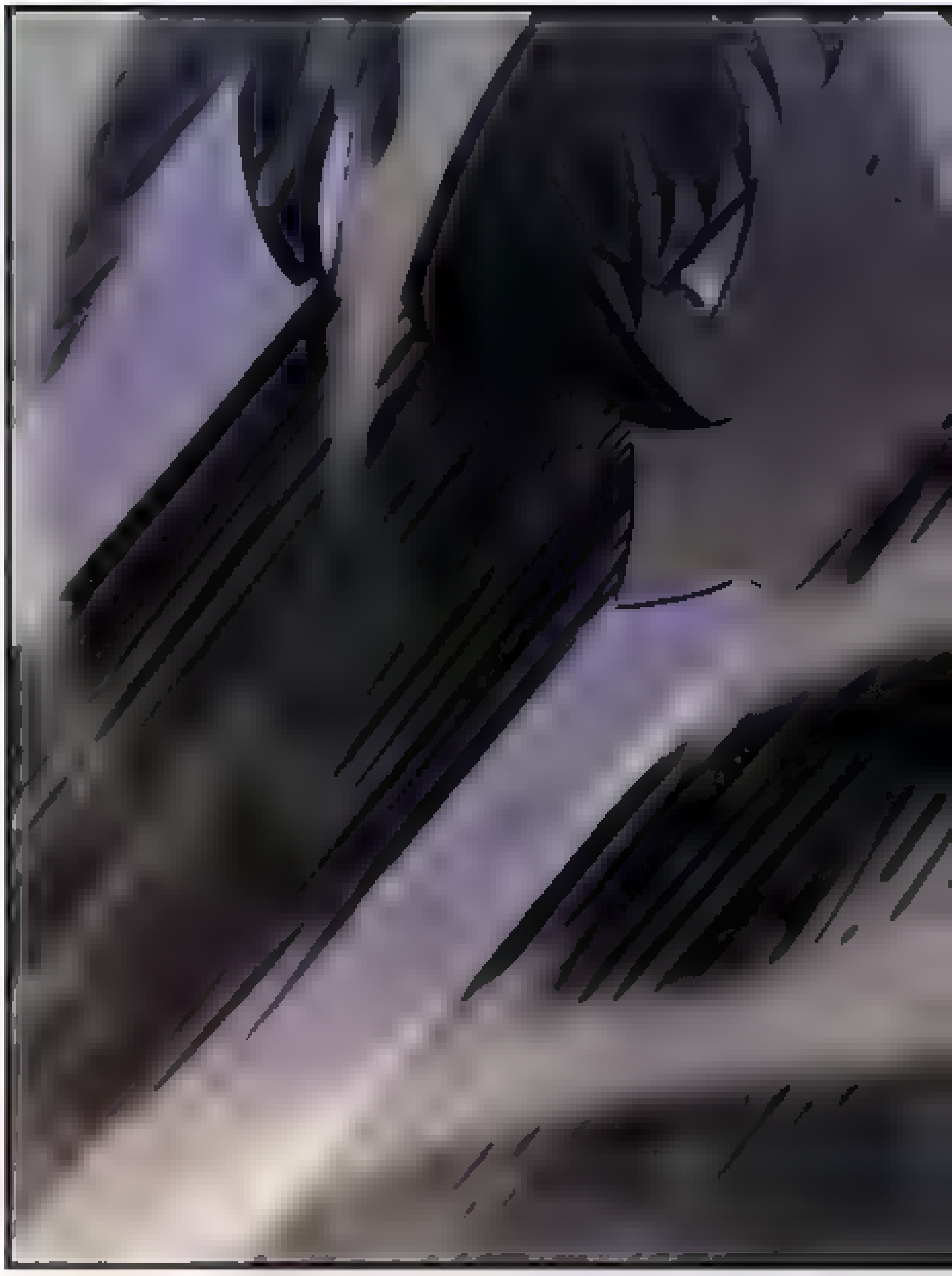
<If I'm not mistaken...>
<Yes... I believe that was Mr. Andre!>
<Mr. White, what should we do?>
<We need to stop them!>
<Stop who? Stop him??>
BAM
BAM
WHAM
<Mr. Andre is getting pummeled by Hunter Sung!!>

<How...>
<...can a mage hunter be this strong and fast?>
<Am I... about to lose?>
<That's impossible.>
<No, that should be impossible.>


SMACK
KA-POW

<The strength to overcome my enemies is what defines me!>
<I am Thomas Andre!>
<Do you really think this is enough to best me?>

I ALREADY TOLD YOU.
SLAM
I DON'T CARE WHO YOU ARE.
POW
POW

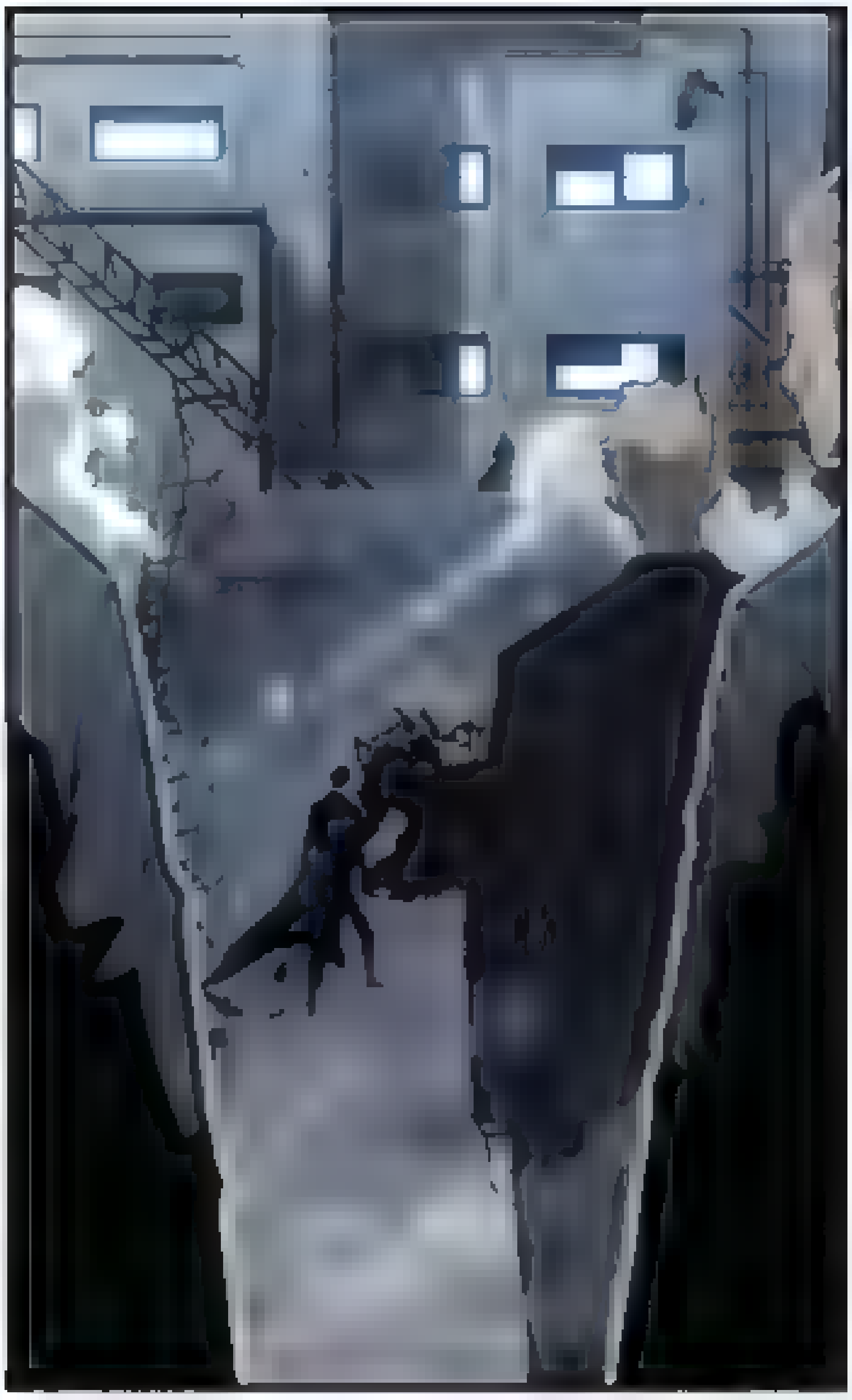
<Hunter Sung! Stop!!>
<Please stop!!>


SHATTER

WHOOSH
POW
CRUMBLE

URK!
<I've lost.>
FREEZE

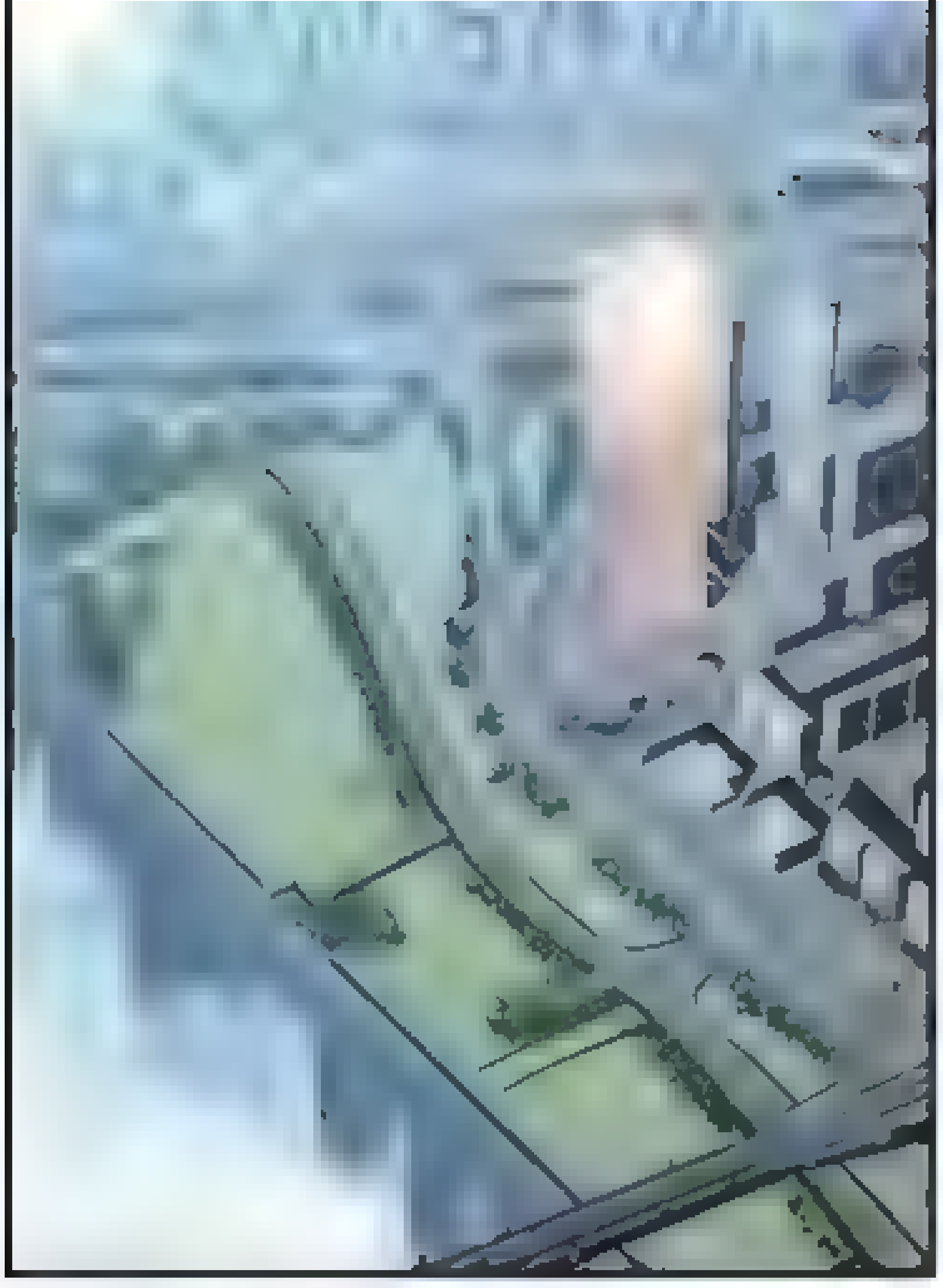
<I've lost.>



<To put Thomas Andre in this state...>

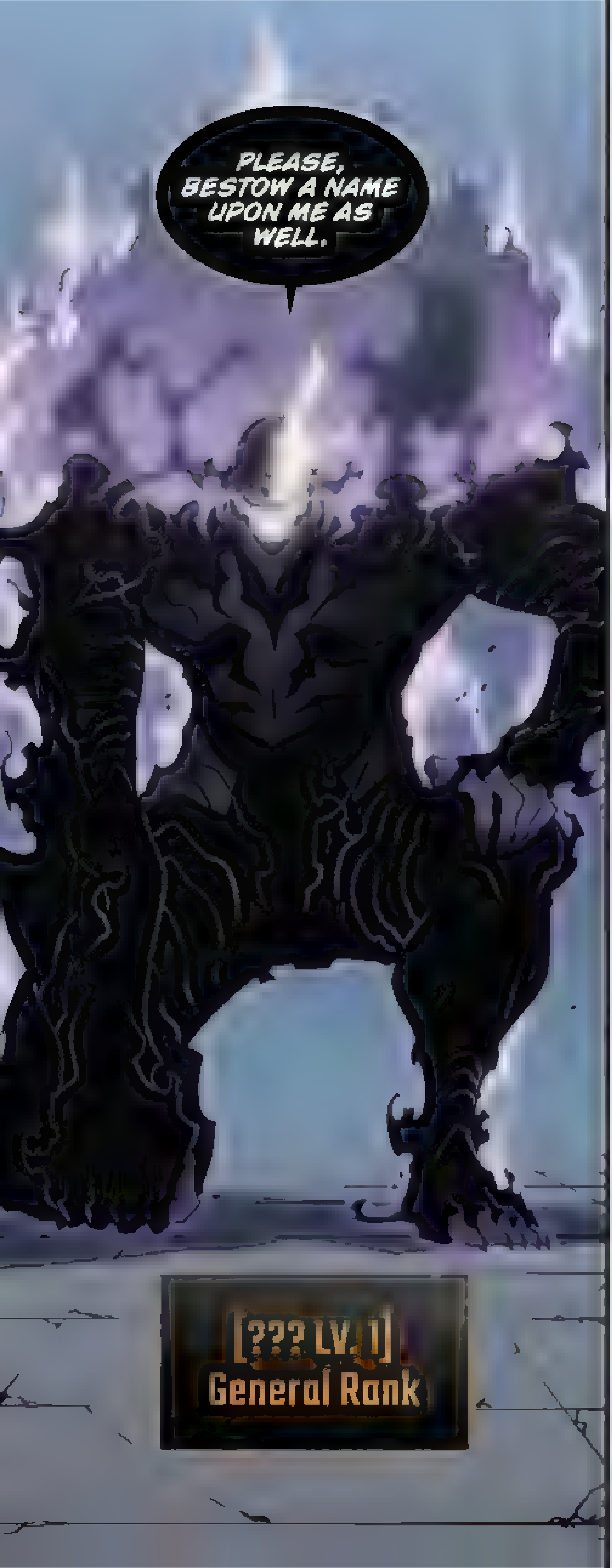
<How many hunters in the world could do this to Thomas?>
<No, would it even be possible for anyone else?>
<If this goes public, the whole world will turn upside down.>
<Quickly! Heal him! Hurry!>
<Every single bone in his body is broken. The bleeding is severe.>
<I can't do this on my own. We need every healer to work together.>
<He lived through this because he's Thomas Andre, a national-level hunter.>
<If it were anybody else, this much damage would've killed him ten times over.>

<Doesn't look like there are any casualties...>
<I guess that's not bad—>
<Agent White, over here...!!>
<Hunter Dongsoo Hwang isn't breathing!>
<Hunter Jinwoo Sung is nowhere to be found...!>
<And his heart isn't beating!>



I SWAPPED YOUR LOCATION WITH BERU USING SHADOW EXCHANGE.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOU WERE IN KOREA, RIGHT?
THIS IS SEOUL.

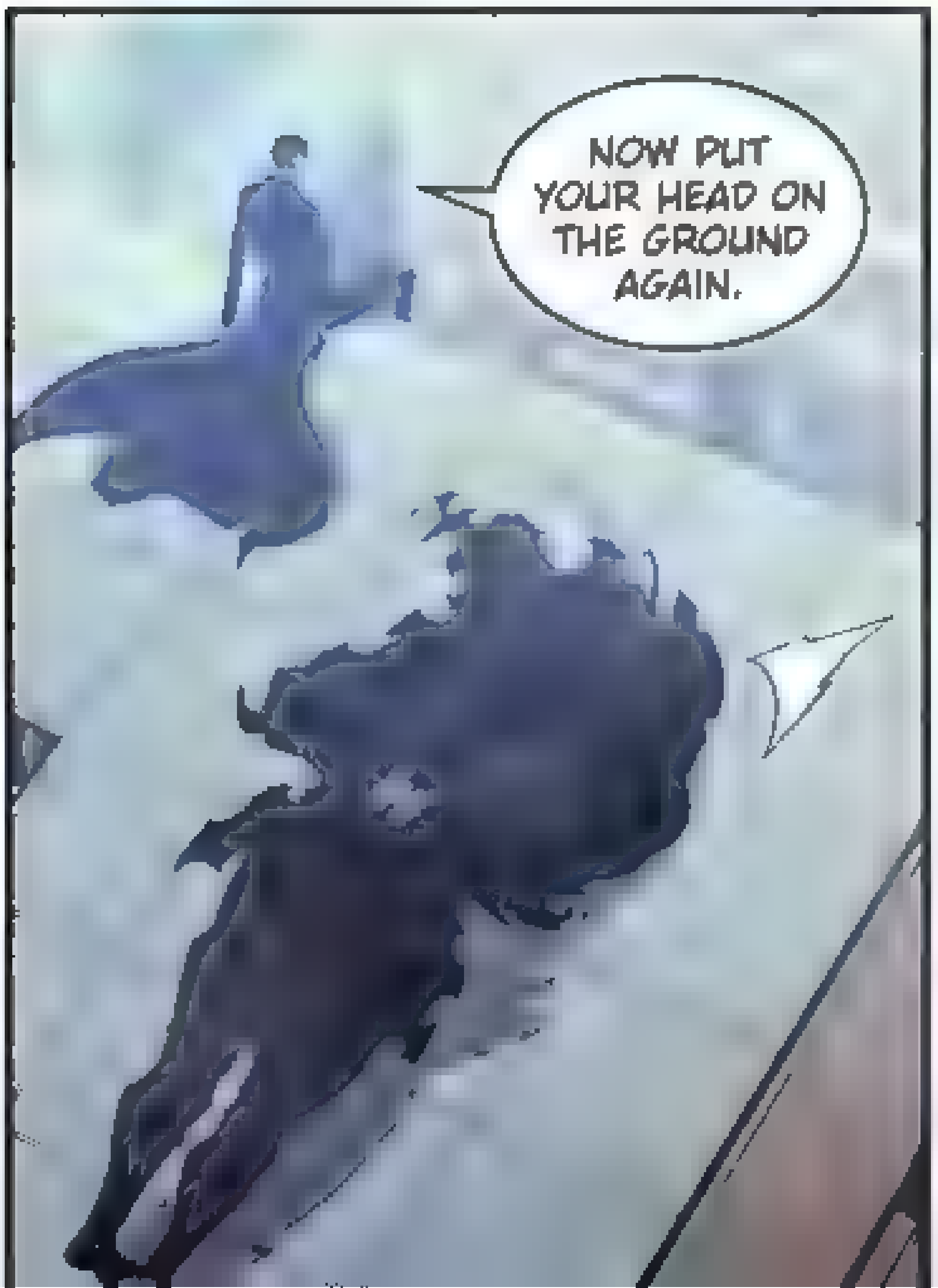
BACK IN THE U.S., BERU IS PROBABLY HEALING JINHO RIGHT NOW.
......
MY KING...
WHAT?


PLEASE, BESTOW A NAME UPON ME AS WELL.
[??? LV. 1]
General Rank

SINCE YOU DIED DUE TO YOUR SELFISHNESS, WHY DON'T WE CALL YOU GREED?

WELL, DO YOU LIKE IT...

...DONGSOO HWANG?
THANK YOU, MY KING...


NOW PUT YOUR HEAD ON THE GROUND AGAIN.

THE INTERNATIONAL GUILD CONFERENCE, THE NEXT DAY...

THERE ARE A LOT OF REPORTERS HERE.
LOOKS LIKE THEY GOT THE SCOOP ON YOUR FIGHT WITH MR. ANDRE.
SNAP
FLASH
SNAP
FLASH
......
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ESCAPE PEOPLE'S ATTENTION TODAY.
THIS IS THE MAN WHO CRUSHED SCAVENGER GUILD...
WE HAVE TESTIMONIES FROM DONGSOO HWANG'S ACCOMPLICES.
THE HUNTER COMMAND CENTER WILL RELEASE A STATE-MENT REGARDING THE WHOLE INCIDENT SOON.
I DON'T WANT TO WORRY ABOUT DONGSOO HWANG ANYMORE.
I'VE COME TO THE U.S. FOR A SINGLE PURPOSE.
ONCE MY QUESTION IS ANSWERED, THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO BE HERE.

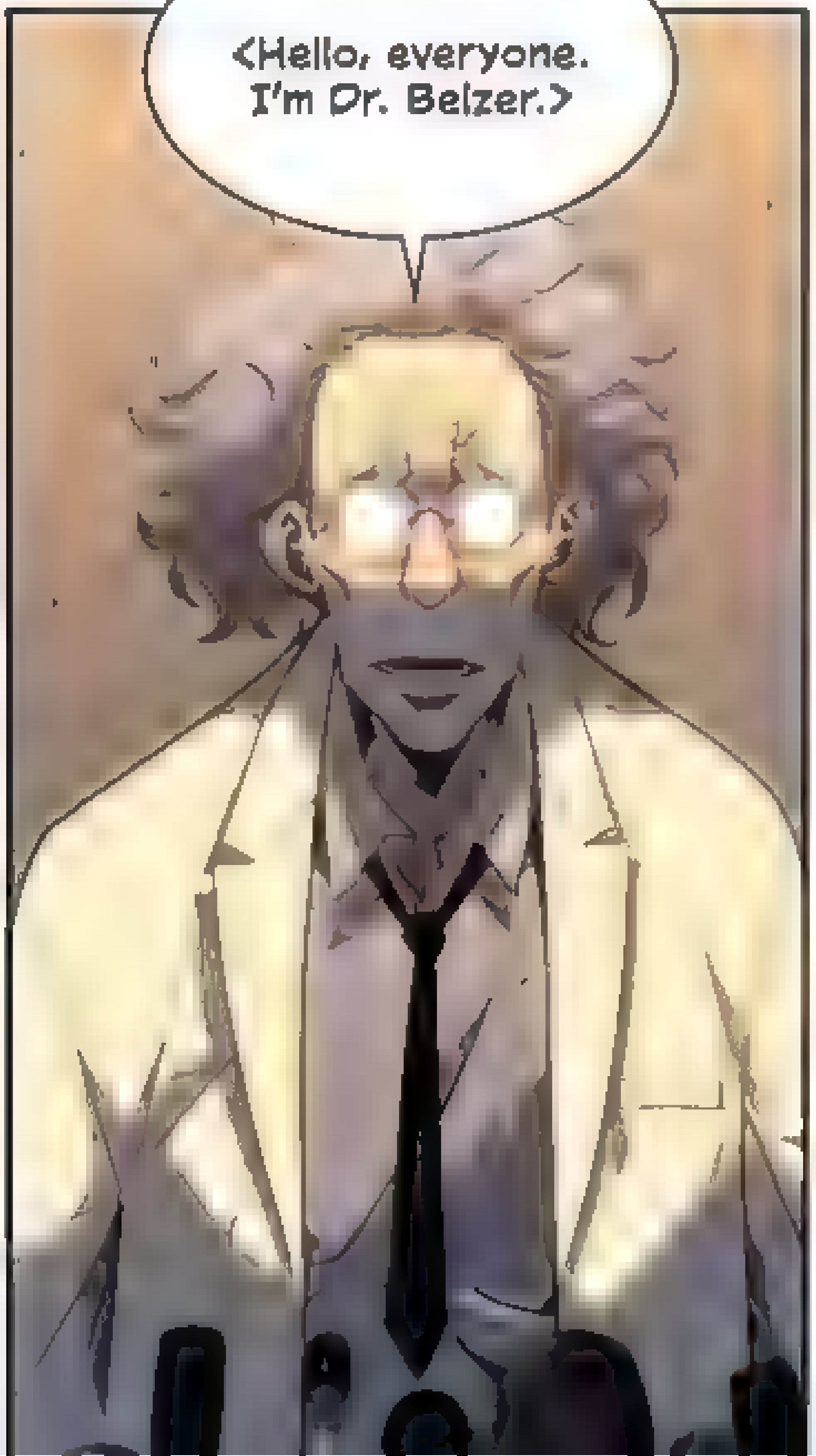
I'LL TRANSLATE WHAT'S SAID AT THE CONFERENCE THROUGH THESE.
DROP

WHOOSH
TMP

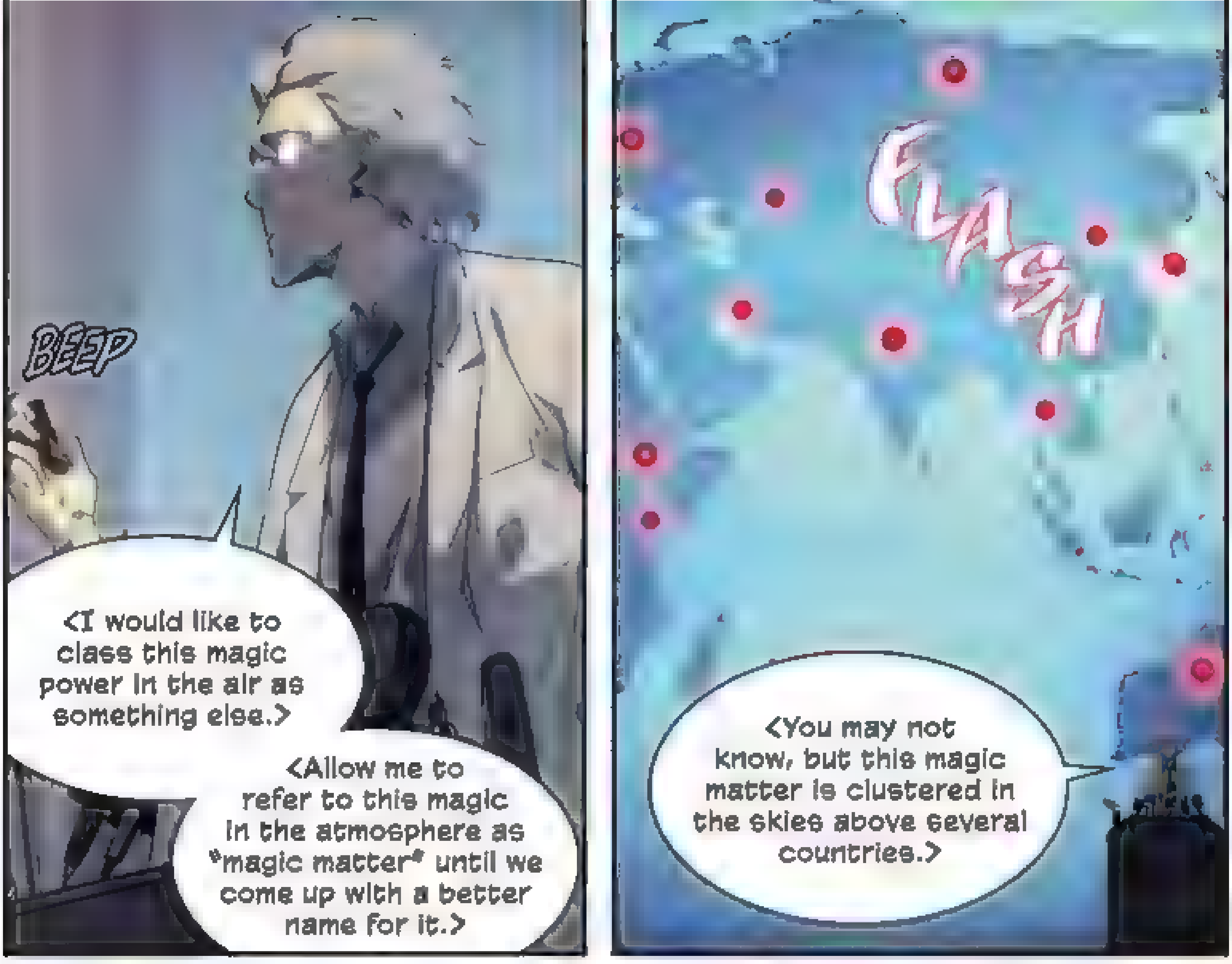
MURMUR

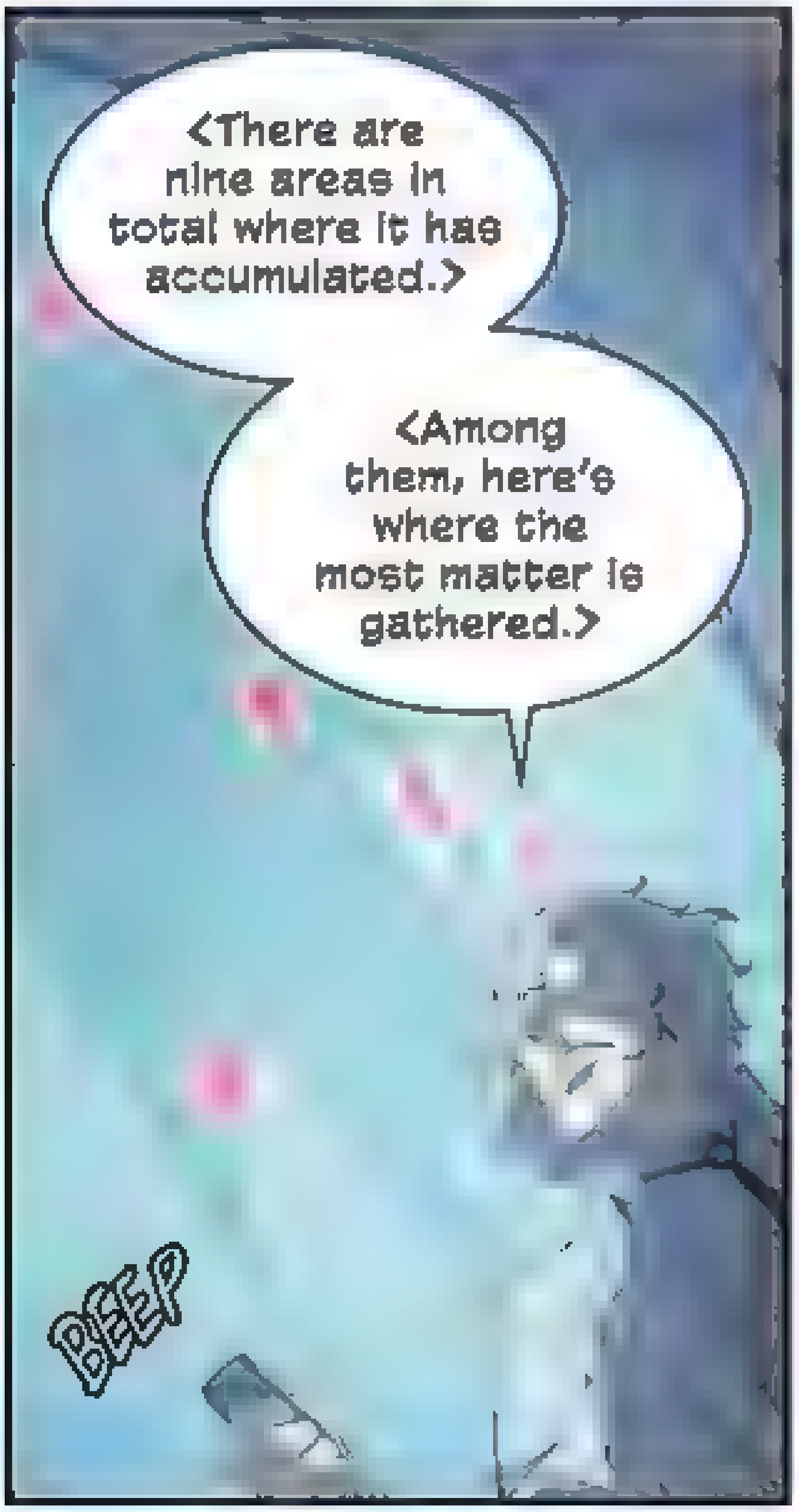
<Is that the Asian hunter who almost killed Thomas Andre?>
<I heard he was amazing at the Tokyo gate as well...>
<Thomas ruled over hunters like a king, but that guy beat the crap out of him...>
TMP
TMP
<I don't believe it. >
PULL

TMP
TMP


<Hello, everyone. I'm Dr. Belzer.>

<As you know, a number of gates have spawned recently, and along with them, some powerful magic beasts.>
<But what you may not know is that some strange changes have been detected in the skies.>
<Others have already brought up the fact that the concentration of magic power in the air has grown denser of late.>


BEEP
<I would like to class this magic power in the air as something else.>
<Allow me to refer to this magic in the atmosphere as "magic matter" until we come up with a better name for it.>
FLASH
<You may not know, but this magic matter is clustered in the skies above several countries.>

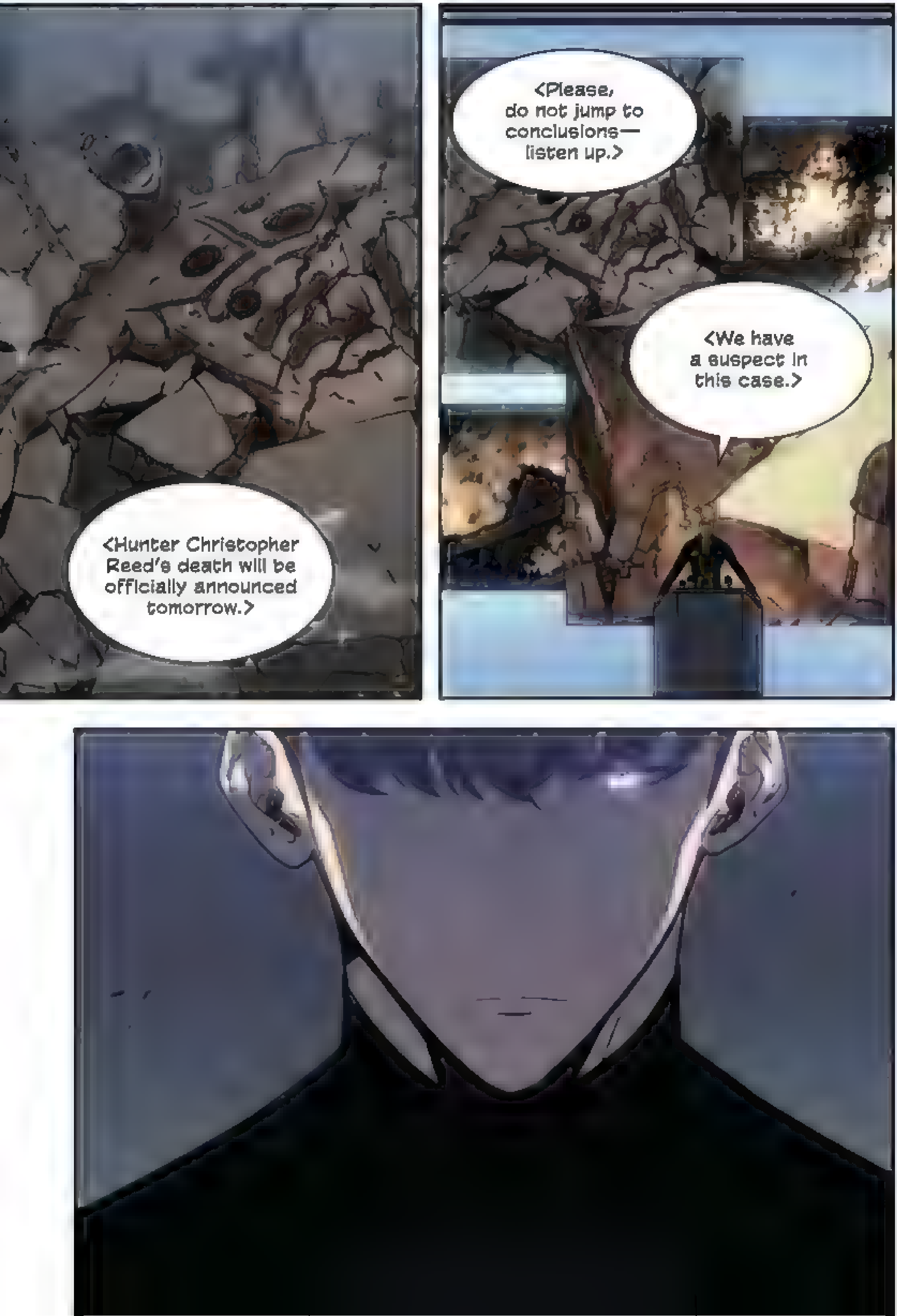

<There are nine areas in total where it has accumulated.>
<Among them, here's where the most matter is gathered.>
BEEP

<Seoul, South Korea.>
FLASH

<South Korea?>
MURMUR
MURMUR
<If it's South Korea...>
AH!
WHIFL
FWIP
<You needn't look at Hunter Sung like that.>
<If he were the cause of all this magic matter, he wouldn't be a hunter, would he?>
NINE IN TOTAL... COULD IT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE NINE MONARCHS?

<Since the cause of this phenomenon is unknown, we currently have no tactic for dealing with it.>
<However, although we have no method at the moment, we must work toward one...>
<...as our world is about to radically change once again.>
TMP
<Are you done, Dr. Belzer?>
<Yes.>
<Then let's move on.>
<There is something I must bring to every hunter's attention.>
<With a heavy heart, I regret to inform you...>

<...that two weeks ago, Hunter Christopher Reed...>
<...was killed by unknown assailants.>
MURMUR
<A national-level hunter was murdered?!>
<Is this a joke? That doesn't make sense.>
MURMUR
<Only an awakened being with the same level of power could kill a national-level hunter!>
<Maybe the one who fought Thomas yesterday...!>


<Hunter Christopher Reed's death will be officially announced tomorrow.>
<Please, do not jump to conclusions— listen up.>
<We have a suspect in this case.>

<This is Suspect S.>
FLASH

<So that Jinwoo Sung who had a fight with Thomas isn't the suspect?>
<Say, doesn't that Asian man resemble someone else in this room?>

<Don't look back. Don't look back.>
<They only look alike—it's just a coincidence.>
<Asians look very similar to one another, don't they?>
<But no matter how I look at that picture...>
WHY WAS MY FATHER...?
DUNGEONS ARE THE TERRITORY OF THE RULERS.
MY KING. THERE EXIST FOUR HUMANS WHO HAVE BORROWED THE POWERS OF THE RULERS.
BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHY THEY WOULD SEND OUT A MAGIC BEAST IN THE FORM OF MY FATHER.
DOES WHAT KAMISH SAID HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS?
BEWARE!

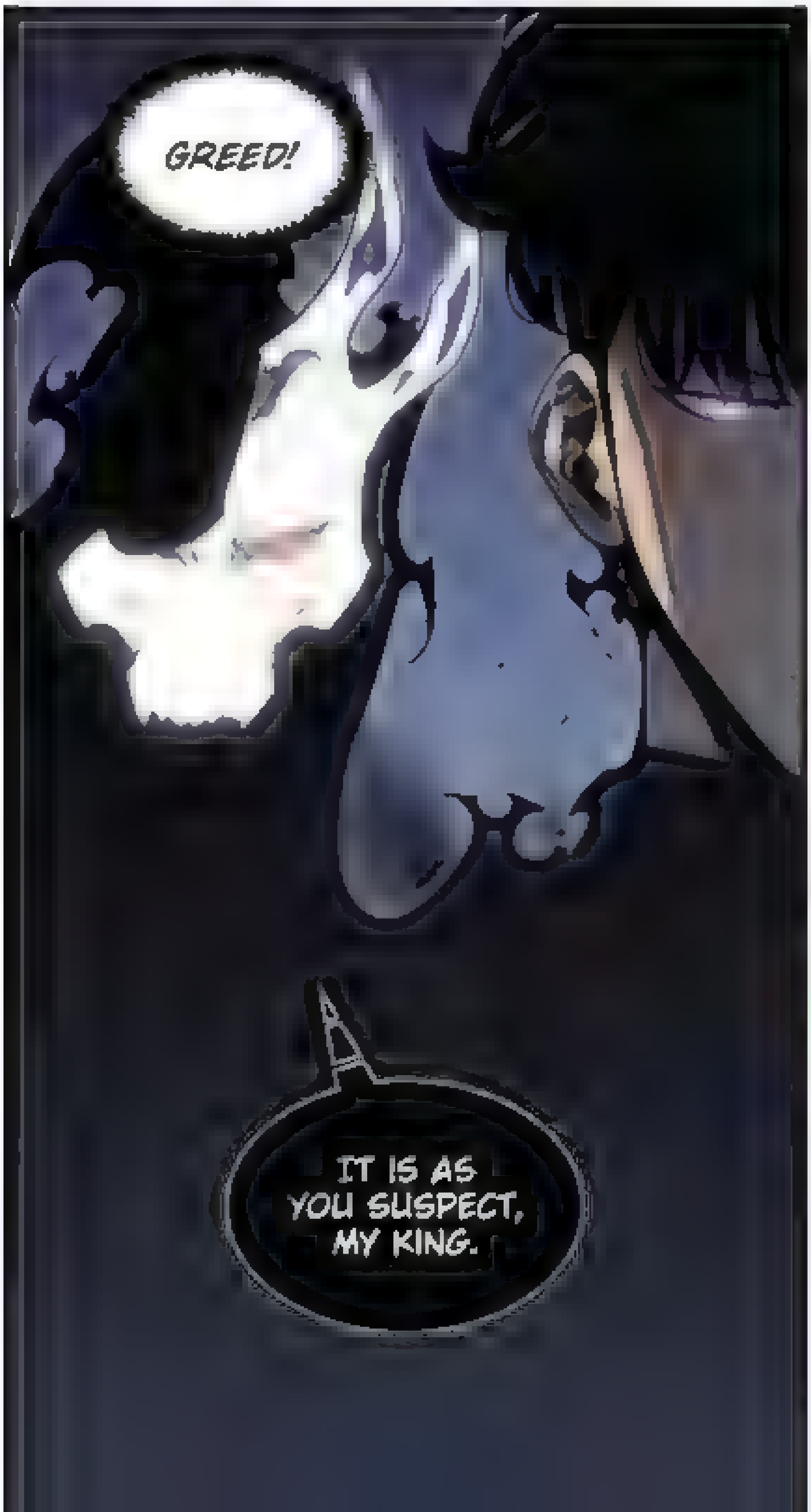
<He was found in a dungeon in the U.S. and evaluated as a magic beast that could speak like a human.>
<We asked S-rank hunter Dongsoo Hwang to help interrogate Suspect S since he could speak Korean, but...>
<...Suspect S beat up Hunter Hwang and fled.>
<During the incident, the headquarters of the Hunter Command Center building caught fire.>
<The suspect was powerful enough to defeat one of the main hunters of Scavenger Guild.>
<The Hunter Command Center has officially concluded...>
<...that humanoid magic beasts like the suspect escaped from a dungeon...>
<...and targeted Hunter Reed.>

TWITCH
?!

WAS HE... TALKING TO DONGSOO?

DON'T EVER SET FOOT IN KOREA.
I SAY THIS NOT FOR MY SON'S SAKE BUT FOR YOUR OWN.
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CLOSE YOUR EYES EVEN WHEN YOU'RE DEAD.

DID HE SAY... NOT ABLE TO CLOSE YOUR EYES WHEN YOU'RE DEAD?
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP


GREED!
IT IS AS YOU SUSPECT, MY KING.

THAT MAN... IS DEFINITELY MY FATHER!
<We're asking the international community to be on the lookout for Suspect S.>
<Please contact us as soon as you locate this man. That is all.>

<Is there any evidence that Suspect S isn't human?>
<His magic power signature was identical to that of a magic beast. Next question.>
<You said he insisted he was a man who went missing in a dungeon.>
<Does the hunter he claimed to be actually exist?>
<Yes, he did. Next question.>
<Then why don't you reveal his identity?>
<Ah...We have decided not to reveal his identity because...>
<...he is related to one of the hunters here.>
<Any final questions?>

<Wouldn't it be easier to track him down if you revealed his identity?>
SHF
<Don't you think so, Mr. Brannon?>
CHINESE 7-STAR-RANK HUNTER ZHIGANG LIU

<I'll ask you directly.>
<What is the relationship between the magic beast and Hunter Jinwoo Sung?>
<......>
<Since you asked the question...I have no choice.>
<Suspect S claimed to be Hunter Sung's father during the interrogation.>
<We're looking into it based on what he said.>
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR

<If Suspect S really is your missing father...>
<...and hunters try to take him down, what will you do?>
HUNTERS SHOULD HUNT MAGIC BEASTS, NATURALLY.
IF HE'S A MAGIC BEAST, I WILL END HIM MYSELF.
BUT IF HE'S ACTUALLY MY FATHER...

...FRIENDS.
WE'RE... FRIENDS.
HERE TO SAVE HUNTER SUNG.

DONGSOO HWANG...
DONGSUK HWANG'S... YOUNGER BROTHER...
...BE CAREFUL...

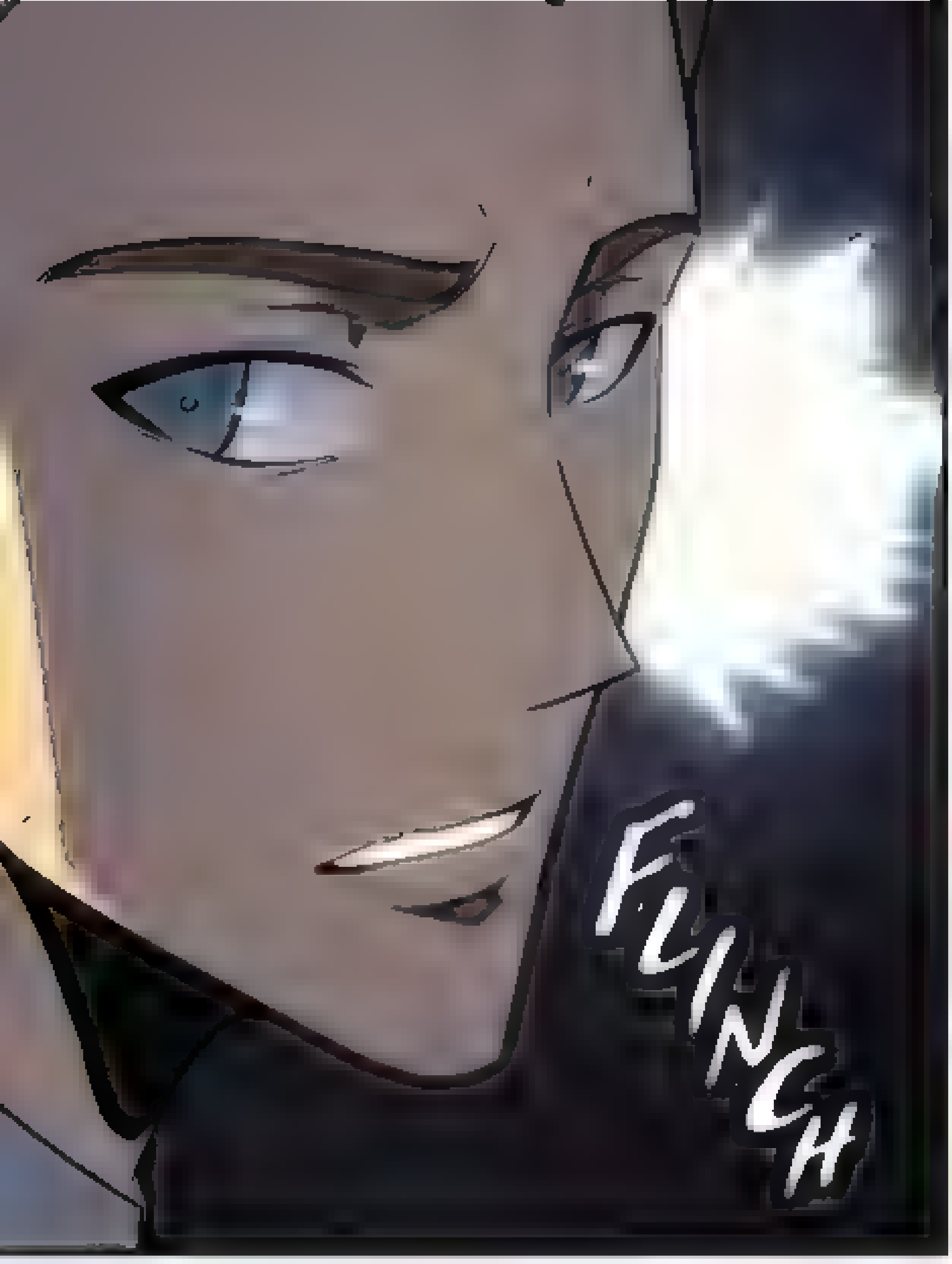
I WILL HUNT HUNTERS.
I WILL PROTECT MY FAMILY EVEN IF IT MEANS BECOMING AN ENEMY OF ALL HUNTERS.

DID YOU REALLY MEAN THAT?
YES.
YOU SAID THAT IN FRONT OF MORE THAN 500 TOP-RANK HUNTERS, THE ELITE OF THE ELITE, REPRESENTING 120 COUNTRIES...
ONLY TWO PEOPLE IN THE WORLD COULD HAVE GOTTEN AWAY WITH SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THAT IN FRONT OF THOSE PEOPLE, HUNTER SUNG.
WHO'S THE OTHER PERSON?
HE'S IN THE HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW.
NEXT IS THE DINNER PARTY.
THE HUNTER COMMAND CENTER WENT ALL OUT, SO IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING URGENT TO ATTEND TO—

MURMUR
MURMUR
SHWP
WHAT'S HE SAYING?
HE SAYS HE KILLED THE GIANT-TYPE MAGIC BEAST ON THE CHINESE COAST THAT ESCAPED FROM YOU IN JAPAN.
KLAK
KLAK

YOU SPEAK CHINESE TOO?
SINCE I'M IN CHARGE OF THE ASIAN BRANCH, I CAN SPEAK SEVERAL ASIAN LANGUAGES.
THEN I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
WILL DO. HUNTER LIU SAYS HE WAS QUITE SURPRISED, AS IT WAS MUCH MORE POWERFUL THAN HE EXPECTED.
IT WAS ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT FIGHTING THE GIANT IN THE WATER.
HE'S WANTED TO MEET YOU EVER SINCE THEN, HUNTER SUNG.
HE WAS CURIOUS ABOUT THE HUNTER WHO EASILY DEFEATED ALL THOSE POWERFUL MAGIC BEASTS.

HE SAYS HE'S GLAD THAT YOU LAID INTO HUNTER ANDRE.
EVEN THOUGH HE WASN'T THERE, HE SAYS HUNTER ANDRE PROBABLY DID SOMETHING TO DESERVE IT...
SHF
MY FIRST IMPRESSION OF ZHIGANG WAS THAT HE WAS A PRICKLY MIDDLE-AGED MAN, BUT...
...HE'S FUNNIER THAN I EXPECTED.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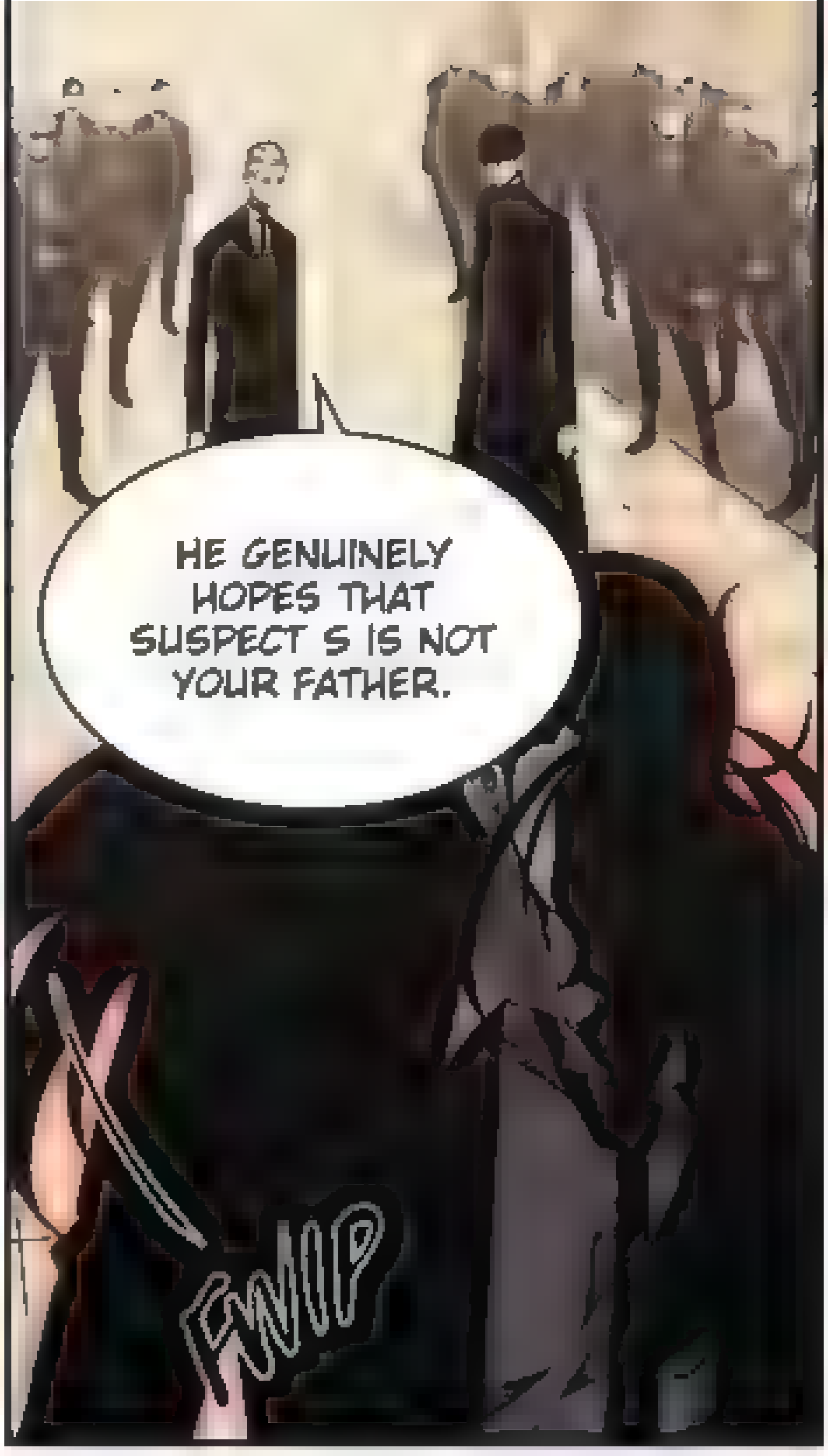
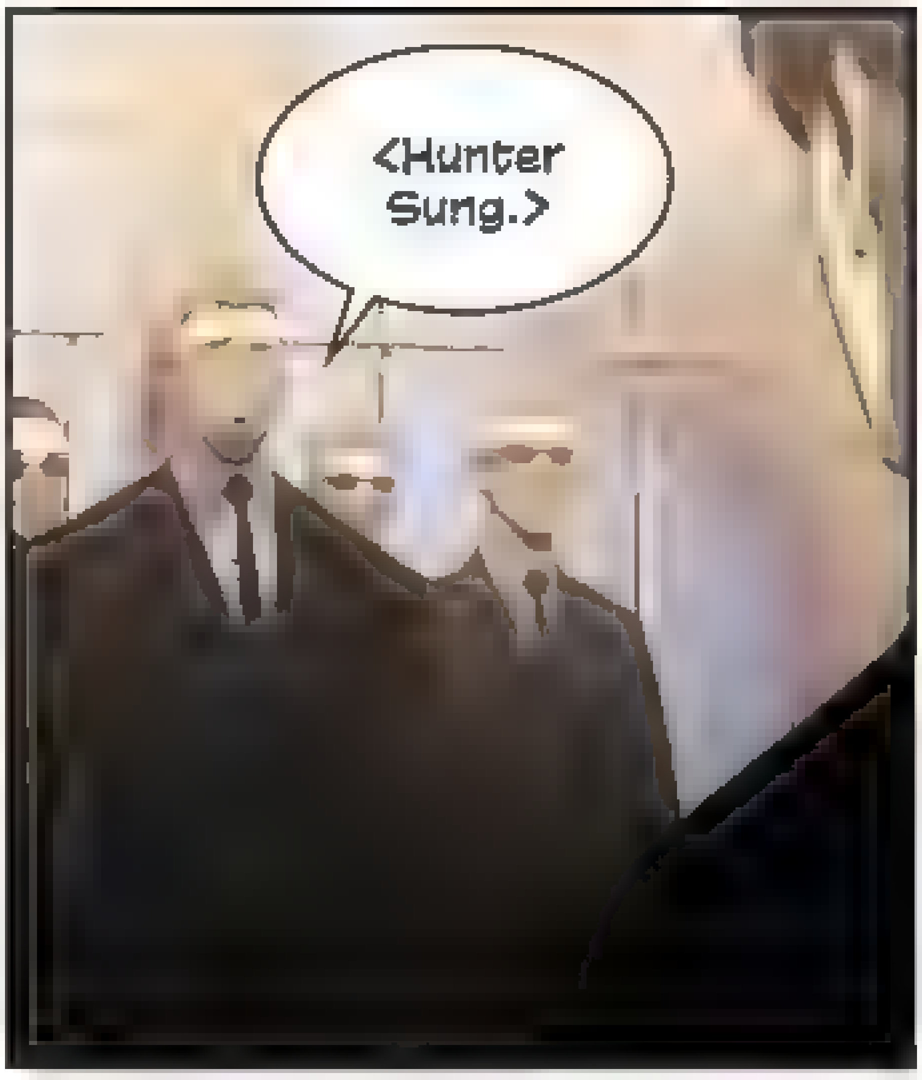

HE GENUINELY HOPES THAT SUSPECT S IS NOT YOUR FATHER.
FWIP

KLAK
KLAK

I'M SURE HE MEANS WELL, SINCE HE SAYS HE NEVER WANTS TO FIGHT YOU, HUNTER SUNG.
I'M FINE.


<Hunter Sung.>

<Could I trouble you for a moment?>

<It's been a while, Hunter Sung.>

NORMA SELLNER. THE UPGRADER... WHAT DOES SHE WANT WITH ME?
INDEED, MRS. SELLNER. I WASN'T EXPECTING TO SEE YOU AGAIN...

<Recently, I keep having the same dream every night.>
<In it, the top hunters become the hunted.>
<And a few days later, it comes true.>
YOU MEAN... CHRISTOPHER REED?
<We warned Mr. Reed about the danger...but he didn't listen to us.>
<The result was...Well, I'm sure you know.>

<Powerful hunters who defend this world will continue to be killed.>
<The ones hunting them will never stop.>
IN OTHER WORDS...YOU'RE HERE TO WARN ME TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THEM?
<No.>
<You must protect the hunters.>

<I tried to remember the people who were chasing them...>
<...but my efforts were in vain.>
<So, I decided to try something.>
<I used my ability within my dream to try and uncover their true nature.>
IS THAT WHY YOU LOOKED INTO MY EYES THE LAST TIME?
<Yes.>
<What I saw was infinite power...>
<But after locking eyes with that thing, I had no choice but to wake up from my dream.>

<I still remember...>
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
<...the voice I heard the moment I saw it.>
WHAT DID IT TELL YOU?
<It told me to go back...>
<...AND QUIETLY WAIT FOR THE WAR.>

THE KING OF GIANTS TOLD ME...
...ABOUT THE IMPENDING WAR BETWEEN THE RULERS AND THE MONARCHS.

THEN... WHICH SIDE OF THE CREATURES ARE HUNTING THE HUNTERS?
WHAT DOES ANY OF THIS HAVE TO DO WITH ME PROTECTING THE HUNTERS?
<Because it was the same power as the one within you, Hunter Sung.>
ON THAT DAY, DID MRS. SELLNER SEE THE POWER OF THE SHADOW MONARCH?
IF SHE SAW THE SAME KIND OF POWER IN THE KILLERS WITHIN HER DREAM, THAT MEANS...
...THEY HAD TO BE THE MONARCHS.

<They are beings above hunters.>
<So in order to stop them, we need someone who possesses the same level of power they do.>
<Actually, we doubted whether you're the only one who can protect the hunters as Mrs. Sellner claims...>
<...but we have changed our minds about you after yeeterday's fight.>
<Of course, we should compensate you for helping us out.>
<We are ready to give you whatever you want... including Kamish's rune stone.>
<In this world, there are hunters who have been very blessed.>
<Until now, they have used their power to defend the world.>
<Without them, this world will be in mortal danger.>
......
...I'M SORRY.

<Is it because you harbor ill will toward Hunter Andre...?>
NO.
IT'S BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW THE ENEMY I HAVE TO FIGHT YET.
THAT'S ALL...
I WILL PROTECT MY FAMILY EVEN IF IT MEANS BECOMING AN ENEMY OF ALL HUNTERS.

PAUSE
HAAH...
MR. WHITE.
COULD I HAVE A LIST OF THE HUNTERS YOU'D LIKE ME TO PROTECT?
COULD YOU ALSO PLEASE ORGANIZE A MEETING WITH THE HUNTERS ON THE LIST?
OF COURSE!

THE LAST DAY OF THE INTERNATIONAL GUILD CONFERENCE. THE HUNTER COMMAND CENTER HOSTED—
THE NIGHT OF HUNTERS.
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
I'M TOTALLY FINE, BOSS!
WHEN I HEARD THAT YOU FOUGHT THOMAS "GOLIATH" ANDRE TO SAVE MY LIFE...
<Hey, over there...>
<I saw. He's right in front of me, but I can't sense his presence at all.>
<He really is on another level.>

<So the person next to him is...>
<He's the one Hunter Sung fought Thomas to rescue?>
<It's an honor to meet you, Hunter Sung.>
<My company handles magic beast cadavers.>
<I'm interested in purchasing the cadavers of the giant-type magic beasts.>
<Do you have a minute to spare?>
PERFECT TIMING.
I'M USUALLY IN CHARGE OF RAIDS, BUT I LET MY VICE PRESIDENT HERE HANDLE BUSINESS MATTERS.
<I'm Jinho Yoo, vice president of Ahjin Guild.>
<Pleased to meet you.>
<I don't usually like talking business under these circumstances, but...>
<...I'll make an exception for you...>

HEH!
THAT KID REALLY IS A BONAFIDE BUSINESSMAN NOW.
HUNTER SUNG, HERE'S THE LIST.
SHF
THE HUNTER COMMAND CENTER HAS A SYSTEM THAT AWARDS EACH HUNTER POINTS BASED ON PERFORMANCE.
THESE ARE THE TOP TEN INDIVIDUALS WITH THE MOST POINTS.

IF YOU ACCEPT OUR OFFER, WE'LL ASK YOU TO PROTECT THESE PEOPLE.
SO, THEY'RE THE PRIORITY.
HUNTER POINTS...
WHERE DO I RANK ON THIS LIST?
IF WE INCLUDE POINTS FOR GETTING RID OF THE GIANT-TYPE MAGIC BEASTS...
...YOU'D BE NUMBER THREE OR FOUR.
NUMBER ONE IS THOMAS ANDRE, NUMBER TWO IS ZHIGANG LIU, NUMBER THREE IS CHRISTOPHER REED, NUMBER FOUR IS SIDDHARTH BACHCHAN, AND NUMBER FIVE IS...

IT'S ANNOYING TO MEMORIZE. I SHOULD JUST PUT A GUARD ON EVERYONE.
THIS EVENT IS THE PERFECT SETUP TO PUT SHADOW SOLDIERS ON THEM.
WHOOM
I'LL CONTACT THE MONARCHS THROUGH THE HUNTERS.
WITH THIS, I CAN DECIDE WHO IS AN ENEMY OR AN ALLY...
SHINK
...AND HOW I SHOULD FIGHT.
TMP
TMP
HUNTER SUNG...
DON'T WORRY.

<Hunter Jinwoo Sung...>
<I'd like to ask you something.>
<This arm... Healers told me they couldn't fix it because the magic power that hit me was so strong.>
<Doctors told me the same thing. They said it was healing but would take a long time to fully recover.>
<You could've ended me along with everyone else in my guild.>
<And yet, none of my guild members are dead...>

<...except Mr. Hwang, who was responsible for causing the incident.>
<Why... did you let us live?>
......
NONE OF YOU DID ANYTHING TO DESERVE DEATH.

FWIP
<...I see.>
<I'm going to have a great funeral for Mr. Hwang.>
<Although he deserved to die, please let us do that much.>
<When my arm gets better, I'd like to have a meal with you.>
<Leave your number with my manager—I'll drop you a line later.>
MY BOSS WAS EXPRESSING HIS GRATITUDE THAT YOU SPARED...
...HIS AND OUR GUILD MEMBERS' LIVES.
BOW
HE MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT HE GETS EMBARRASSED QUITE EASILY.

IF IT'S NO TROUBLE, COULD YOU LET ME KNOW HOW TO CONTACT YOU?
OUR GUILD MASTER WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU A TOKEN OF HIS APPRECIATION.
IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU MIGHT NEED, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.
OH, THANK YOU, BUT NO.
OUR GUILD MASTER IS...THE SORT OF MAN WHO LIKES TO WIN. HE WOULD RATHER NOT BE IN ANOTHER MAN'S DEBT.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT, SO IF THERE'S ANYTHING AT ALL...
A TOKEN OF HIS APPRECIATION...
MAYBE A USEFUL DAGGER...?
A DAGGER... UNDERSTOOD.

HUNTER SUNG, ARE YOU GOING TO MEET WITH THE OTHER HUNTERS ON THE LIST?
LET ME HELP YOU FIND THEM.
NO, THANK YOU. THERE'S NO NEED.
WHY IS ONE HUNTER MISSING? I CAN'T FIND NUMBER SIX.
HOW DID YOU KNOW...?
WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO REACH THAT HUNTER OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS.
THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IS CONDUCTING A SEARCH IN SECRET, BUT THEY HAVEN'T TURNED UP ANYTHING YET.
HAS ANOTHER HUNTER ALREADY BEEN LOST?
THAT LEAVES SEVEN PEOPLE.

HMM... THAT'S ODD.
I'VE BEEN HAVING NONSTOP HEART PALPITATIONS RECENTLY.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I WAS FIRST DIAGNOSED WITH HEART PROBLEMS...
...BUT SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT THESE DAYS.
IS THIS... THE END?
MY DOCTOR TOLD ME I'D BE DEAD WITHIN SIX MONTHS IF I DIDN'T RETIRE.
I'VE MADE IT THROUGH ONE YEAR AND THEN ANOTHER.
EVEN IF THIS IS THE END, I'VE HAD IT GOOD UP TO NOW.
HELLO.
BEEP
Are you busy tonight?

MY DEAR...

OF COURSE NOT. I'M HEADING HOME S—
FWUMP

FLINCH

WH-WHAT IS GOING ON?
HOW IN THE WORLD...?

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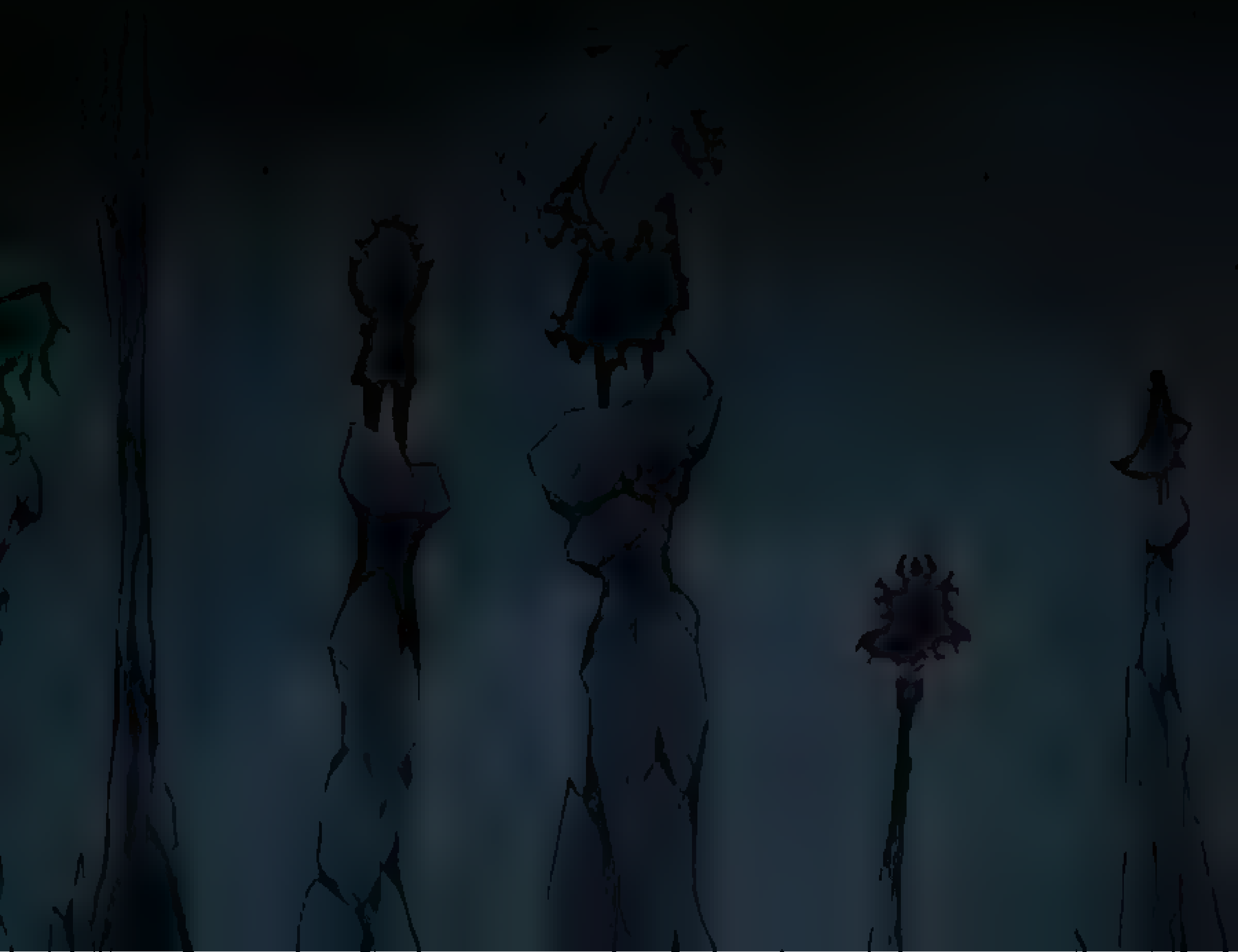
CHAPTER 32

Monarchs



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WILL I BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH IT?
I CAN'T SENSE ITS PRESENCE.
I CANNOT HANDLE SUCH AN ADVERSARY.
THIS PLACE HAS BEEN COMPLETELY ISOLATED FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

AM I DREAMING?
ARGH!
SCRATCH
KRSHH
DID YOU DREAM THAT PAIN UP AS WELL?

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS REAL.
I HAD HOPED THAT YOU WOULD RECOGNIZE ME, BUT...
SHF
SO I ASK—
WHO ARE YOU?
...YOU TRULY ARE A MERE HUMAN.

A "MERE HUMAN" .?
I DON'T MESS AROUND WITH WEAKLINGS.
SHOW YOURSELF, FRAGMENT OF LUMINOSITY.
CONCERNED ABOUT DAMAGING YOUR VESSEL?
IT'LL EXPIRE SOON, IN ANY EVENT.
IF YOU ARE HIDING OUT OF FEAR...
...I SUPPOSE THERE IS NO USE CONTINUING THIS CONVERSATION.

MOOOOOM

FINALLY WE MEET.
SMIRK

FSHHHH

BAM

CRASH

FSHH

THE BRIGHTEST FRAGMENT OF LUMINOSITY.
YOU'VE CONFINED THIS OFFICE BETWEEN DIMENSIONS. IMPRESSIVE.
I'VE SEARCHED A LONG TIME FOR YOU.
WHO KNEW YOU'D BE STUCK IN A BROKEN VESSEL, RENDERED POWERLESS?
WE'VE LOCATED ALL SEVEN OF YOU.
TWO OF THEM HAVE ALREADY BEEN DESTROYED.

THAT FACE... I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE PANIC ON THAT ARROGANT FACE OF YOURS.
NOW I CAN CRUSH YOUR VESSEL WITH NO REGRETS.
YOU CAN TRY, FROST MONARCH!
ARE YOU GOING TO FIGHT ME? HOW FUTILE.
YOU'VE ONLY BORROWED THAT HUMAN'S BODY, WHILE I'VE TAKEN OVER THIS FORM COMPLETELY. DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU STAND A CHANCE?
RUMBLE

WHEW...
KRRR
SH
CRACK

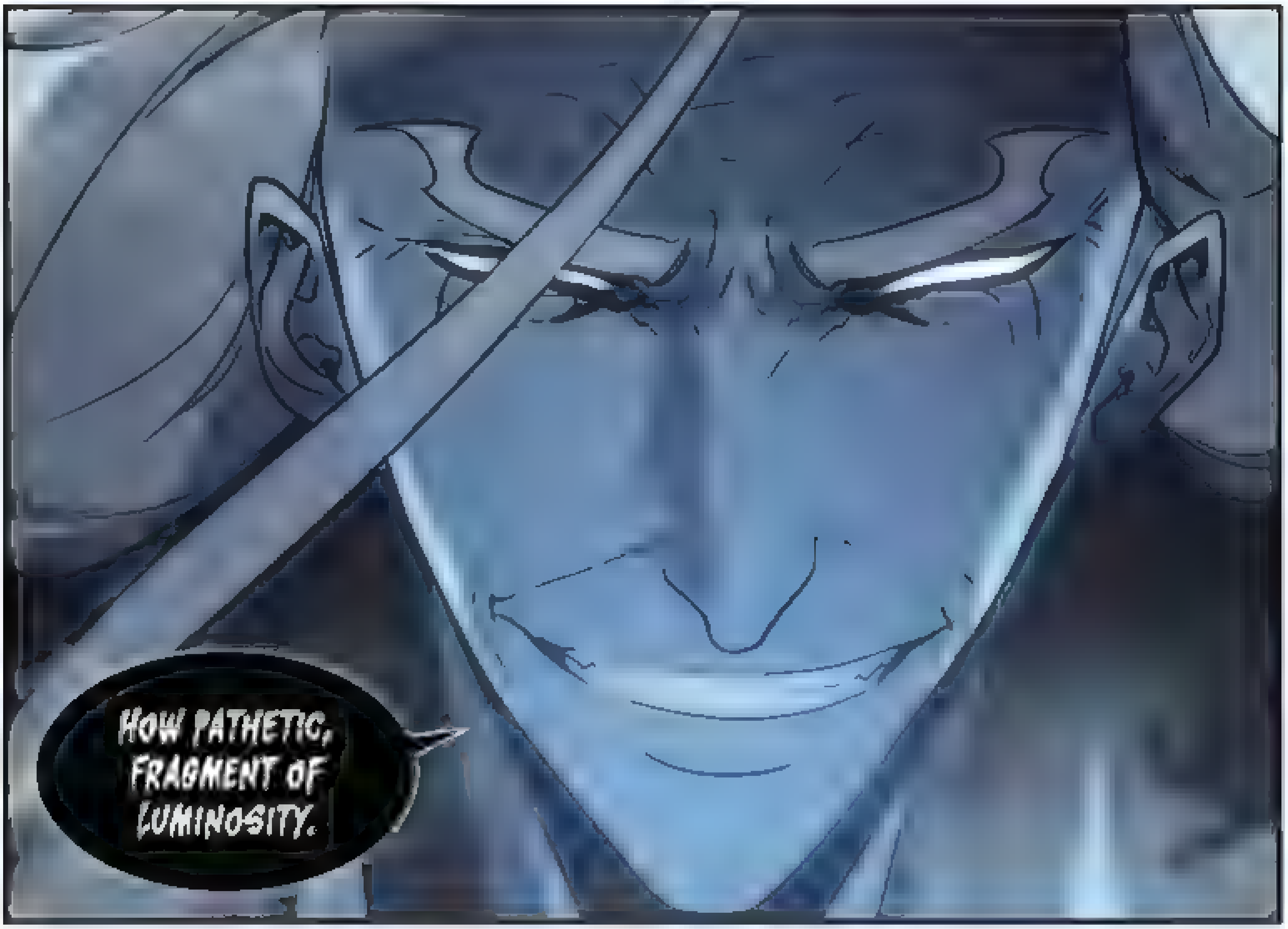
SHATTER

SHF

SHATTER
KRSHH

BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
I HAVE TO END THIS FIGHT...
...WHILE I CAN STILL MOVE!
WHOOSH

BLAM
WHOOSH!!
STUMBLE
HAVE I REACHED MY LIMIT...?!
IS THAT ALL YOUR VESSEL CAN HANDLE?
CRUMBLE


HOW PATHETIC, FRAGMENT OF LUMINOSITY.

SHP

KOFF!!

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE FOR YOU TO FIND A NEW VESSEL?
A YEAR? TWO? BUT OUR ARMY HAS ALREADY ARRIVED.
EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD WILL BE GONE EVEN BEFORE THE RULERS' SOLDIERS COME.
IT WAS A MISTAKE TO TRY TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF THIS WORLD.
DID YOU CONSIDER US INCONSEQUENTIAL AND FORGET ABOUT US IN YOUR ARROGANCE?
HA-HA...

GRAB
DID YOU THINK I PICKED A MEANINGLESS FIGHT WITH YOU?

WE MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN OF YOUR PLAN, BUT WE HAVE A CONTINGENCY YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT.
A CONTIN-GENCY?

FWOOM

UGH...!
...THAT WAS CLOSE.
SO WAS THAT YOUR SECRET WEAPON?
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
THAT'S RIGHT.

KRIK
KRIIIK
.....?
CRASH
THAT WAS YOUR AIM?
THIS CHANGES NOTHING...
NOW...!

A DENIZEN OF CHAOS?
WHAT COULD A MERE DENIZEN DO HERE...?
RIPPLE
A FLICKER OF BLACK...!
COULD THAT BE...?!!

TSK!
TMP
FWUMP
THUD
TMP
TMP
DAAASH

RUMBLE
!!!
YOU'RE...!

GRAB
YANK
WHAT ARE YOU?
GRIP
AN ICE ELF?
THE NUMBER OF SOLDIERS IN YOUR SHADOW...
SHADOW MONARCH...
YOU HAVE AMASSED SUCH AN ARMY. WHY HAVEN'T WE HEARD FROM YOU?

THE ICE ELF WHOSE SHADOW JINWOO FAILED TO EXTRACT
JUST WHEN I WAS GETTING OVER THAT...
SO...YOU'RE THE CONTINGENCY!?
HWOO
WHOOM
KABOOM
KABOOM

KRIIIK
IS IT A MAGE TYPE?
KRSH
CRACKLE

CR
ASH
...WE ARE DONE HERE. I'M NOT INTERESTED IN A FIGHT TO THE DEATH.
WHAT?
SHF
AREN'T YOU HERE TO SAVE THE HUMAN BACK THERE?
HUMAN? THE ANT I ASSIGNED TO PRESIDENT DID SOUND AN ALARM— IT CAN'T BE...!

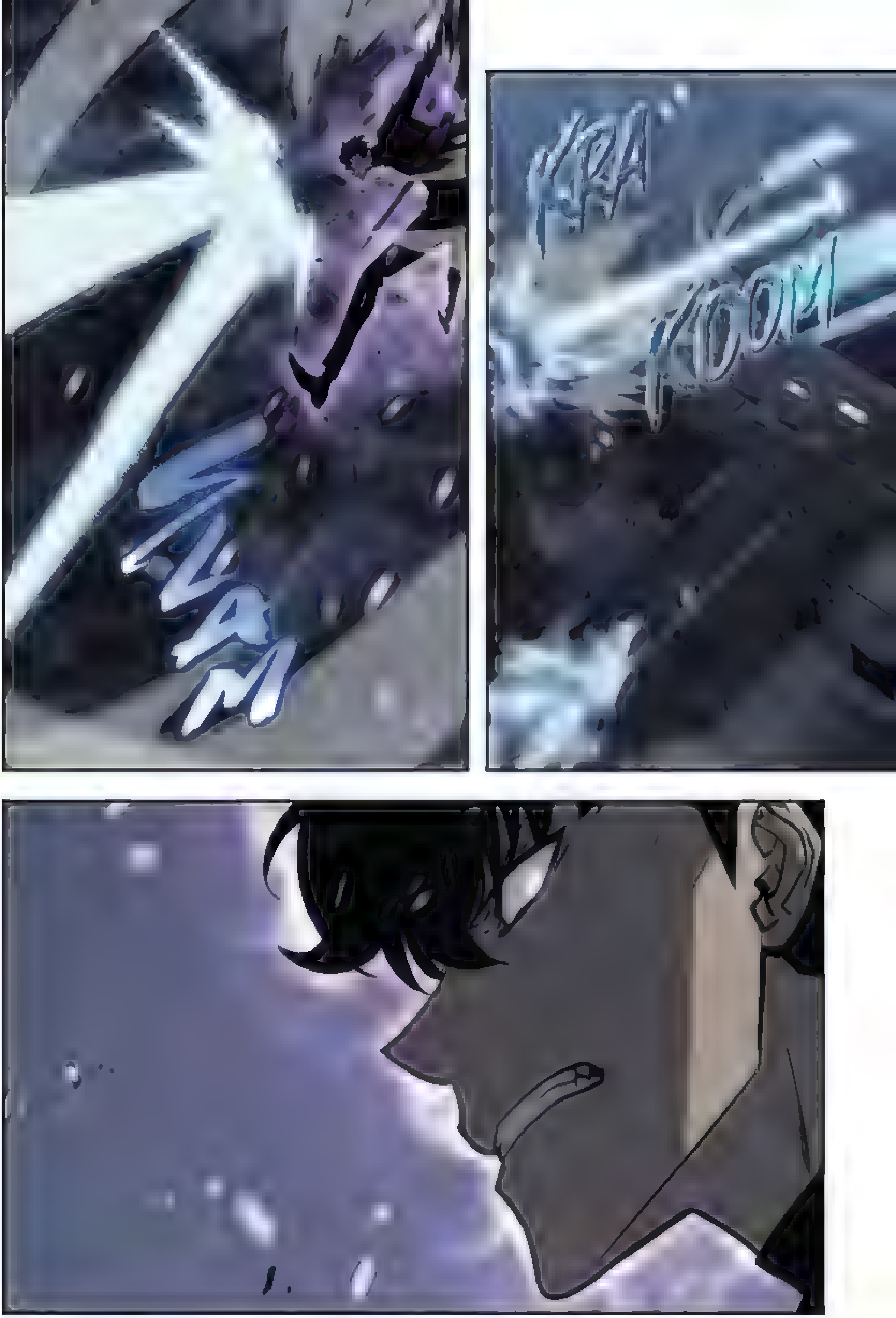
PRESIDENT GO?!
CRUMBLE
DUN

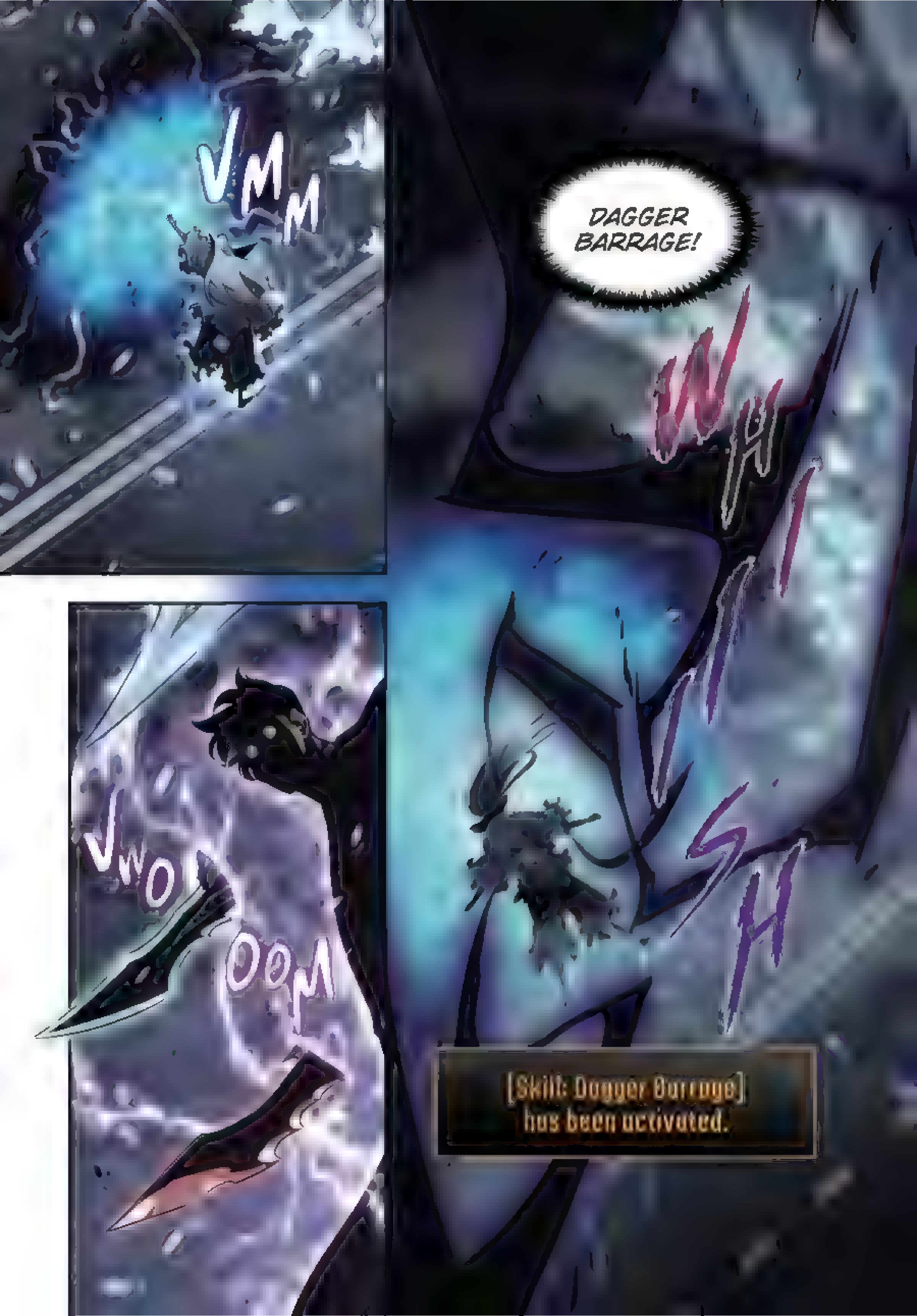
SHWP
CHOOSE.
FIGHT ME OR SAVE HIM.

[Skill: Ruler's Authority]
has been activated.]
SHWP
CLANG
The opponent's magic power is
resisting against Ruler's Authority.
HEH
HEH!

TMP
LEAP
KRAK
WHOOSH
THUNK

WHOOM


SNAP
KRA
KOOM


VMM
WOOOM
DAGGER BARRAGE!
WHIISH
[Skill: Dagger Barrage] has been activated.

ARGH!
SLASH
YOU FIGHT WELL FOR A MERE VESSEL.
FSHH
FINE.
I, THE FROST MONARCH, WILL AWAIT YOUR SHADOW TO WEAKEN AND WITHDRAW FOR NOW.

THAT HUMAN WILL BE DEAD SOON. CONSIDER HIS CORPSE MY GIFT—ONE MORE SHADOW SOLDIER YOU MAY ACQUIRE.
HA HA HA HA!
THAT BASTARD!
DID THIS BARRIER KEEP ME FROM DETECTING ANYTHING UNTIL IT GOT THIS BAD?
DAMN IT...!

HE'S TOO FAR GONE FOR A HEALING POTION.
BERU!!
SHWP
ZOOM

SKID
YOU CALLED, MY LIEGE?
TMP
DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO HEAL HIM!

SIRE.
MY MAGIC... ISN'T WORKING.
HUFF!
HFF!
WAIT, IF I USE THE ELIXIR OF LIFE...!
PAT
...THAT'S... ENOUGH.

PRESIDENT GO?!
...YOU CAME. THANK YOU.
PLEASE, HANG ON A LITTLE LONGER. I'LL BRING YOU TO THE HOSPITAL.
DON'T BOTHER...
HEALING MAGIC CAN'T REVERSE WHAT THE ATTACK DID.
I HAVE SEEN THE WILL OF THE GREAT EXISTENCE.
THEIR PLANS, THEIR—OUR ENEMIES...
...AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO...
PRESIDENT GO!!
I'M SO GLAD THAT WE HAVE YOU...

WHO KNEW YOU POSSESSED THAT KIND OF POWER...?
THANK GOD...
THE GATES AND DUNGEONS WEREN'T FOR THEIR SAKE.
IT WAS ALL TO PROTECT US... COUGH!
WHOOM
SOMEDAY... YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE A CHOICE.
WHEN THAT TIME COMES, PLEASE...

...PLEASE STAY ON THE SIDE OF HUMANS.
COUGH. I WANTED TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE YOUNGSTERS LIKE YOU.
BUT...
...WITH THIS BODY, THAT WAS NEVER POSSIBLE.
STILL, I HAVE NO REGRETS.
I LEAVE THE FUTURE IN THE HANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE YOU.
TENS OF THOUSANDS OF BEATS...
I KNEW I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.
DESPITE THAT, MY WEAK HEART LIKELY KEPT BEATING...

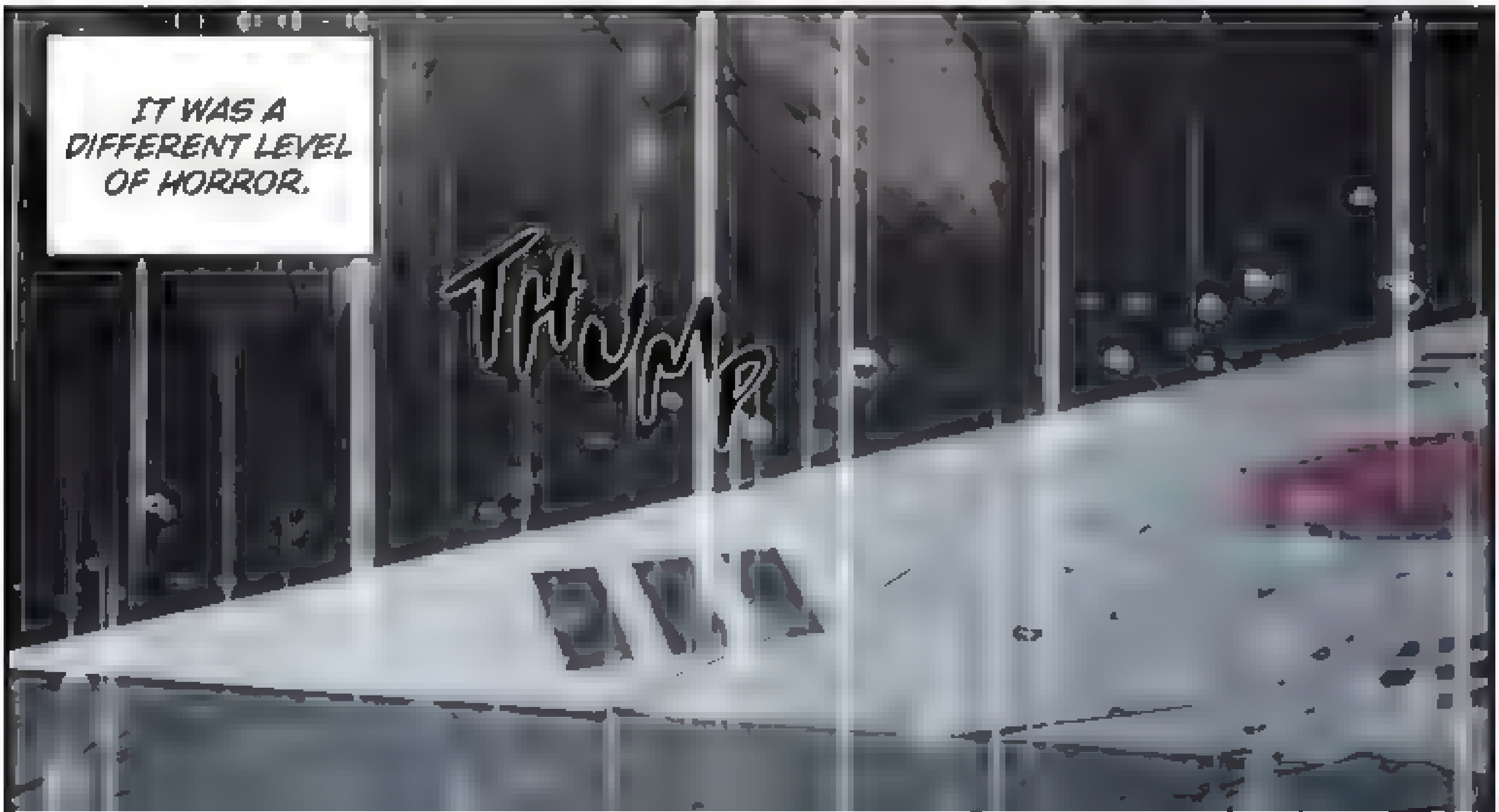
...SO I COULD MEET YOU.
YES, IT WAS TO MEET YOU.
I'M SO GLAD...
THANK

SLIP
THUD
CRASH
SHATTER

KRIK
KRIIIK
CRUMBLE
TNK

DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
FSHHH
THE AUTUMN RAIN CAME WITH A CHILLY WIND...

...AS BREAKING NEWS HIT THE FRONT PAGE OF EVERY NEWSPAPER.
FIRST, THE GREAT BRAZILIAN HUNTER JONAS WAS FOUND DEAD NEAR A RIVER.
SECOND, THE PRESIDENT OF THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION OF KOREA WAS KILLED, A GAPING HOLE IN HIS CHEST.
LASTLY, JINWOO SUNG RETURNED TO KOREA.
CHRISTOPHER REED, JONAS...
...AND GUNHEE GO, THE PRESIDENT OF THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION OF KOREA.
THE WORLD WAS PLUNGED INTO CHAOS AS THE DEATH OF THESE LEGENDARY HUNTERS WERE ANNOUNCED ONE AFTER ANOTHER.
MEDIA ACROSS THE PLANET REPORTED ON THEIR DEATHS.
THE U.S. HUNTER COMMAND CENTER RELEASED AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON THE SITUATION.

HUNTERS HAVE PROTECTED THE GENERAL POPULATION, BUT WHO CAN PROTECT THE HUNTERS?
FSHH
THE DEATHS OF THE STRONGEST HUNTERS IN THE WORLD.

IT WAS A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF HORROR.
THUMP

ARE YOU OKAY, DIRECTOR WOO?
AH... SORRY, HUNTER SUNG.
I'VE BEEN ALL OVER THE PLACE THESE PAST FEW DAYS...

THE MAGIC BEAST WHO MURDERED PRESIDENT GO...
WAS IT TOO POWERFUL FOR EVEN YOU TO STOP?
BY THE TIME I ARRIVED, HE WAS ALREADY...
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
THE DAY BEFORE HE PASSED...
...PRESIDENT GO TOLD ME TO HURRY BACK...
...BECAUSE HE WANTED TO HEAR EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED IN THE U.S.
THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH HIM UNTIL THE END.

NO.
I'M GOING TO KILL HIM WITH MY OWN HANDS.
I'M GOING TO KILL THE MAGIC BEAST WHO TOOK PRESIDENT GO'S LIFE, WHATEVER IT TAKES.
FSHHH
SO PLEASE SAVE YOUR THANKS FOR LATER.
COULD YOU ARRANGE A PRESS CONFERENCE FOR ME?

THOUGH PEOPLE GRIEVED PRESIDENT GUNHEE GO'S DEATH...
...THE VENUE FOR THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS STILL PACKED WITH REPORTERS.
SBC
A GROUP OF HIGHLY INTELLIGENT MAGIC BEASTS IS TARGETING THE TOP HUNTERS.
THEY'RE STRONGER THAN ANY HUNTER AND WILL USE ANY MEANS NECESSARY TO GET AT THEIR TARGETS.
A GROUP OF MAGIC BEASTS?
IS MORE THAN ONE MAGIC BEAST RESPONSIBLE FOR KILLING PRESIDENT GO?

I, THE FROST MONARCH, WILL AWAIT YOUR SHADOW TO WEAKEN AND WITHDRAW FOR NOW.
THE BASTARD CALLED HIMSELF THE FROST MONARCH.
BEFORE ATTACKING, THESE BEASTS USE THEIR POWERS TO TRAP THEIR INTENDED TARGET BETWEEN DIMENSIONS.
IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT BE ONE OF THESE TARGETS...
...PLEASE STICK CLOSE TO COLLEAGUES WHO CAN HELP PROTECT YOU.
HE'S A BEING SIMILAR TO THE ANCIENT MONARCH AND THE SHADOW MONARCH...
OF COURSE, A HUNTER CAN'T GO UP AGAINST THEM, NO MATTER HOW STRONG THEY ARE.
BUT IF...
...YOU DON'T HAVE ANYONE WHO CAN HELP YOU...

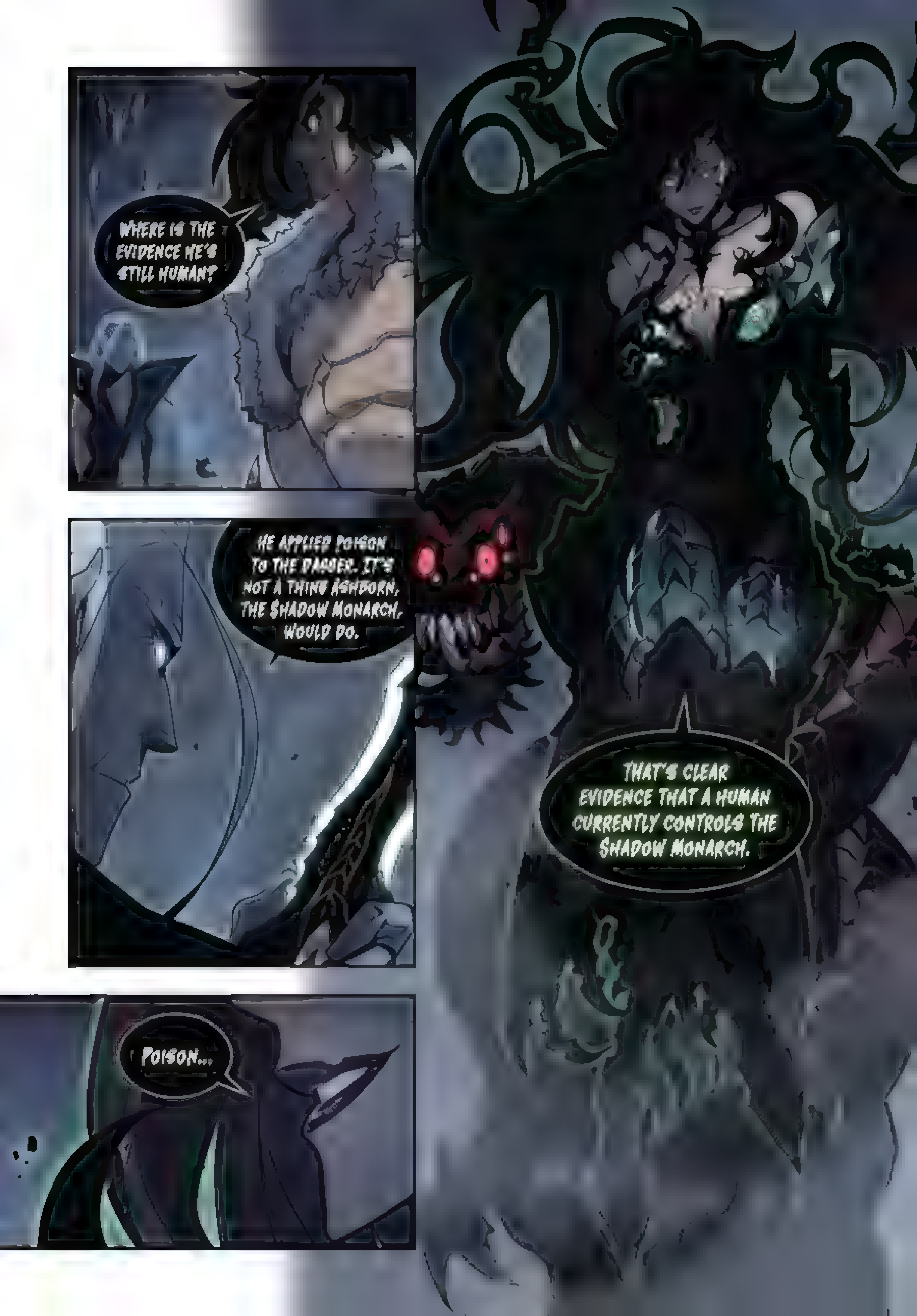
THE WAR WITH THE MONARCHS BEGINS.

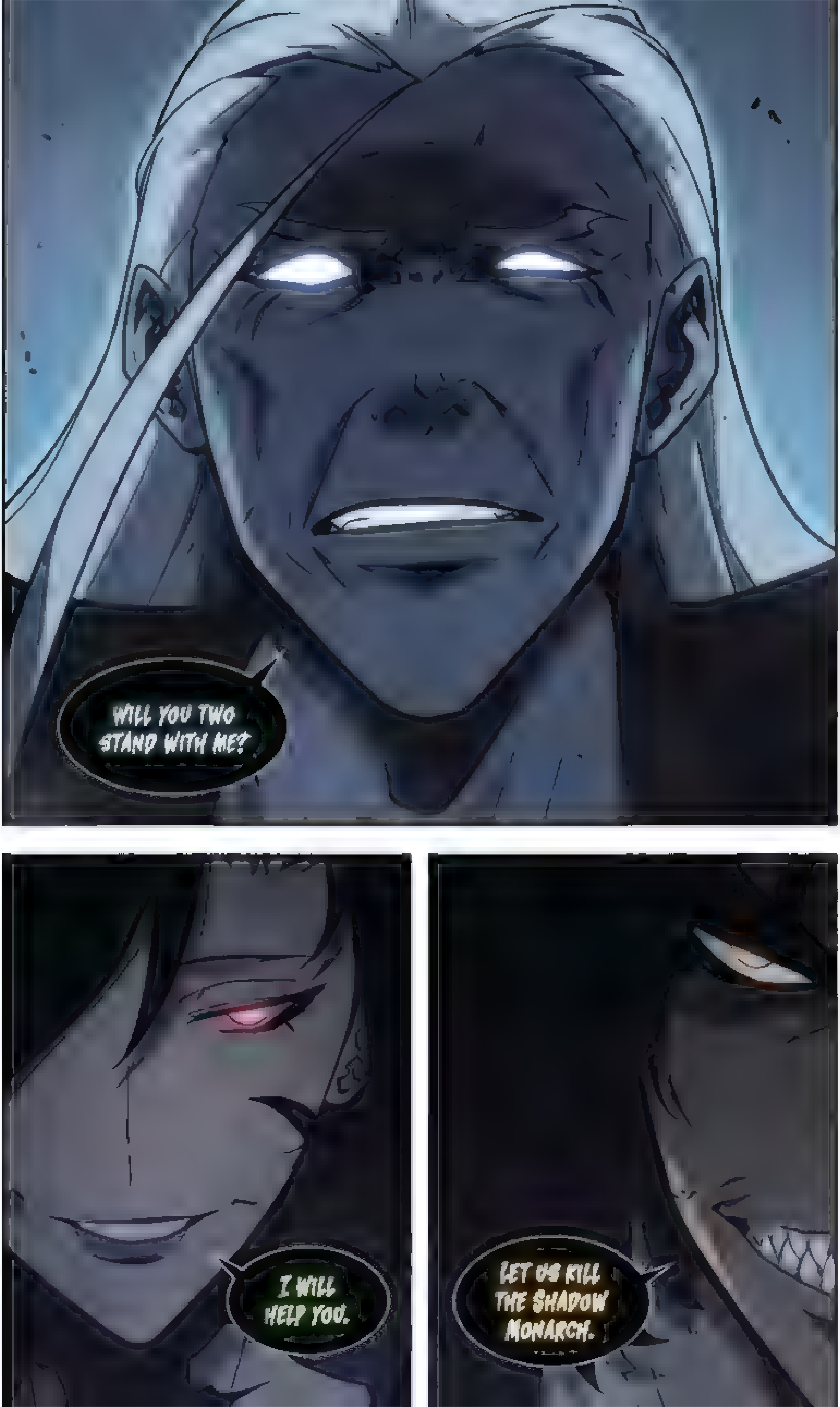
HWOO
RUMBLE

THE SHADOW MONARCH IS HERE.
DIDN'T YOU TELL US THERE WERE NO VESSELS STRONG ENOUGH TO CONTAIN HIS POWER?
THE KING OF WILD DRAGONS IS UNABLE TO FIND VESSELS IN THIS WORLD FOR THE SAME REASON.
I SAW HIM WITH MY OWN EYES.
HE REPRESENTS A BIGGER THREAT THAN THE FRAGMENTS OF LUMINOSITY.
I SHALL
WILL YOU HELP ME?

FIGHTING HIM WOULD BE SUICIDE.
OUR OPPONENT IS THE MOST POWERFUL MONARCH AMONG THE NINE WHO RULE CHAOS.
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO WAIT FOR THE KING OF WILD DRAGONS?
DESPITE BEING ON THE RUN, WE EACH RULE AN ARMY.
HOW LONG WILL WE DRAG OUR FEET WAITING FOR HIM?
CLENCH
IF WE WANT TO ELIMINATE THE SHADOW MONARCH, THE TIME TO STRIKE IS WHILE HE'S STILL HUMAN.
HELP ME...
...SEND HIM TO THE VOID.
I WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THIS.
I DO NOT WANT TO END UP LIKE THE MONARCH OF LIGHTNING.

...COWARDS.
YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WHITE LIGHTNING MONARCH AFTER BEING DEFEATED.
I DON'T WANT TO GET CAUGHT UNDER THE SHADOW MONARCH'S POWER AND BE SUBJECTED TO HIS ETERNAL REST.
WE HAVE ASTRAL BODIES— HE CAN'T MAKE US INTO HIS SHADOW SOLDIERS.
SINCE THE SHADOW MONARCH AND THE ARCHITECT ARE WORKING TOGETHER...
...IT LOOKS LIKE HE CAN MAKE REPLICAS.
I DON'T WANT TO BECOME HIS PUPPET.
WHOOSH
FWSH


WHERE IS THE EVIDENCE HE'S STILL HUMAN?
HE APPLIED POISON TO THE DAGGER. IT'S NOT A THING ASHBORN, THE SHADOW MONARCH, WOULD DO.
THAT'S CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT A HUMAN CURRENTLY CONTROLS THE SHADOW MONARCH.
POISON...


WILL YOU TWO STAND WITH ME?
I WILL HELP YOU.
LET US KILL THE SHADOW MONARCH.

"I hope you all think carefully about just who is going to keep you safe when another S-rank gate appears in your backyard.
FSHHH
"You cannot buy a life, even if you paid a price one hundred or one thousand times more than what your expensive condo costs."
FSHHH
When Hunter Sung was fighting the ants on Jeju Island...
...President Go told me...
...he had no regrets even if he died then because his lifelong goal had been achieved.
But I didn't expect him to actually leave us...

I CAN'T SENSE THAT BASTARD'S MAGIC POWER.
I GUESS I CAN'T FIND HIM THIS WAY.
STATUS
NAME: Jinwoo Sung
LEVEL: 133
JOB: Shadow Monarch
MP: 136,160

...WE ARE DONE HERE. I'M NOT INTERESTED IN A FIGHT TO THE DEATH.
THAT BEAST DIDN'T HAVE A SHADOW.
"ASTRAL BODIES," WAS IT?
THE KING OF GIANTS SAID THAT THE MONARCHS AND RULERS HAVE ASTRAL BODIES AND THEY CAN'T BE MADE INTO SHADOW SOLDIERS.
THE MONARCHS AND RULERS HAVE ASTRAL BODIES.
ONCE AN ASTRAL BODY DIES, IT VANISHES AND CANNOT BE MADE INTO A SHADOW.
IF THAT MONARCH DIDN'T HAVE A SHADOW FOR THE SAME REASON, I LOST A GOOD WAY TO TRACK HIM.

WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER.
I'M A HUNTER...
...AND I DON'T LOSE MY PREY.

IT HAS BEEN A WEEK SINCE THE POSITION OF THE ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT BECAME VACANT.
WE MUST CHOOSE THE SUCCESSOR.
IT WAS SIGNIFICANT THAT AN S-RANK AWAKENED BEING WAS THE PRESIDENT OF THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION OF KOREA.
THE ASSOCIATION CONTROLLED THE FIVE LARGE GUILDS, BUT NOW WE'VE LOST OUR MAIN PILLAR. WHO WILL CONTROL THEM NOW?
ARE YOU SUGGESTING WE APPOINT AN S-RANK FOR THE JOB?
SHOULDN'T WE BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT BRINGING AN OUTSIDER INTO THE ASSOCIATION EVEN IF THEY ARE STRONG?

WELL, THEN...
FOLLOWING AN EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS...
...WE ARE RECOMMENDING DIRECTOR JINCHUL WOO FOR THE ROLE.
WHAT? WHY ME...?
YOU HAVE A WEALTH OF PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE FROM WORKING AS PRESIDENT GO'S RIGHT HAND.
YOU ALSO POSSESS THE STRENGTH NEEDED TO LEAD OTHER HUNTERS.
THERE IS NO RULE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NEEDS BE AN S-RANK.
JUST SOMEONE THE HUNTERS MAY FEAR AND BE INFLUENCED BY...
IN OTHER WORDS, AS HEAD OF THE SURVEILLANCE TEAM, DIRECTOR WOO FITS THE BILL.

I'M LACKING IN SEVERAL AREAS NEEDED TO FILL THIS ROLE.
THERE ARE MANY OTHERS WHO RANK ABOVE ME. BESIDES, AREN'T I TOO YOUNG?
THERE'S THE VICE PRESIDENT...
...THE VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NOT TO MENTION THE OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS...
HOW COULD YOU THINK I'M GOOD ENOUGH TO REPLACE THE LATE PRESIDENT GO WITH ALL THESE GREAT PEOPLE HERE?
NO ONE ELSE, MYSELF INCLUDED, HAS THE INFLUENCE YOU HAVE ON KOREA'S STRONGEST.
BUT YOU DO, DIRECTOR WOO.

YOU HAVE GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE LARGE GUILDS. MORE THAN THAT, YOU HAVE A STRONG BOND WITH HUNTER JINWOO SUNG.
I'VE INTERACTED WITH HIM MANY TIMES, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF HE WOULD THINK THAT...
WE CANNOT FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT.
BUT...PLEASE GIVE OUR OFFER SOME SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.
I...

B4
DING
<It's been a while since I've been all the way down here.>
TMP
<Sir?!>
<Why so surprised? Sit.>
BEEP

<Are you really thinking about gifting those to him?>
<Why? Do you think it's too much for the lives of my guild members and me?>
<No, that's not it. Just—>
BEEP
WHIRR
<So he's not good enough to use those?>
<......>

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
<...They always look impressive.>
<There are only two of them in the world.>
<There will never be another.>

<You're right.>
<But you still want to give them away?>
WHOOOOM
<That's precisely why I want to give them to him.>
<Isn't it a waste to just store the best weapons here?>

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President Jinchul Woo
Headline News
The Hunter's Association of Korea elected a new preside
WHOA~
I HEARD THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION WAS MURDERED, BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT THE NEW GUY TO BE SO HANDSOME.
THE COUNTRY IS IN CHAOS, AND THE WORLD IS TOO...
GLANCE

MOOOM!
HUG
JINAH, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE THE GARBAGE OUT IF YOU'RE BORED?
NO, THANKS. I'M TOO LAZY.
MOM, I THINK WE SHOULD MOVE.
YOU WANT TO MOVE TO A DIFFERENT APARTMENT?
YEAH.

OH, BUT I LIKE THIS PLACE.
WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO LIVE IN THIS OLD DUMP?
REGARDLESS, I STILL DO.
....
CAN YOU FOLD THE LAUNDRY, MY BEAUTIFUL DARLING?
YOU ONLY CALL ME BEAUTIFUL AT TIMES LIKE THIS, YOU KNOW.

RATTLE
HUH?
RUSH
THUMP
M-MOM!

IS IT TRUE THAT HE'S INSIDE THE AHJIN GUILD HEADQUARTERS?
IT LOOKS LIKE IT.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
THOMAS ANDRE IS ACTUALLY AT AHJIN GUILD HEADQUARTERS...
FIDGET
FIDGET

I CAN'T BELIEVE THOMAS IS IN KOREA! AND IN OUR OFFICES NO LESS!
AND LENNART NEIRMANN, GERMANY'S STRONGEST HUNTER, IS HERE TOO!!
LENNART NEIRMANN, 12TH IN HUNTER COMMAND CENTER HUNTER RANKINGS
IT'S BEEN TWO HOURS!!
RIIING
RIIING
WHERE ARE YOU, BOSS?! PLEASE ANSWER THE PHONE...!!

<Even Thomas "Goliath" Andre has come to see Jinwoo Sung...>
<Will I be able to meet him today...?>
IS MR. SUNG IN THE MIDDLE OF A RAID? IT LOOKS LIKE HE DOESN'T COME TO THE OFFICE OFTEN.
—IS WHAT MR. ANDRE SAYS.
UH...YES... MAYBE...
I'M BACK.
KA CHAK
WAAAH!!
BOOOSS!!

THAT EXPLAINS THE MOB OF REPORTERS...
THOMAS ANDRE, HUH?
I FIGURED IT WAS HIM BASED ON HIS ENERGY.
BOSS! WHY WAS IT SO HARD TO REACH YOU?
I WAS A LITTLE BUSY.
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, YOUR CLOTHES...
A LOT OF GATES HAVE BEEN SPAWNING LATELY, SO I CAN'T JUST SIT BACK AND DO NOTHING.
BESIDES, IGRIS IS ABOUT TO LEVEL UP.

<Mr. Sung. It's been a while.>
THEY... WOULDN'T FIGHT IN HERE, WOULD THEY?
WHAT BRINGS YOU TO KOREA?
<Didn't you promise me that we'd have a meal together once I'd healed?>
<Also... I've brought some fantastic gifts for you.>

GIFTS?
<I'm glad that you're excited about them.>
<Shall we move somewhere more secure? It's somewhat dangerous to hand you them in here.>
DANGEROUS GIFTS? THEY'RE NOT BOMBS... ARE THEY?
THIS IS VERY SUSPICIOUS, BOSS! IT MIGHT BE A TRAP...!
AND WHO'S THAT?
<I'm Lennart Neirmann, Hunter Sung.>
TMP

IS HE HERE FOR HIS OWN SAFETY?
<Mr. Sung, shall we?>
FLINCH
<I hope you're not thinking of following us.>
<I've also been waiting for Hunter Sung for over two hours.>
<I can go with you two, can't I?>
<No. What we're going to talk about is top secret.>
<There is no place for you.>
<Damn it. So that's how it is. I can't believe this shoddy treatment.>
<Let's go, Mr. Sung.>

SNAP
<You have no idea how long I've waited for this moment.>
THUMP
WHAT'S THIS...?
<Can you sense the power of these things?>

<This is to repay you for showing mercy to my guild and me.>
CLICK
COULD THIS BE...?
WHOOM
KAMISH?
<It's impressive that you correctly guessed what these guys were made of at a glance.>
AREN'T THE REMAINS STORED AT THE HUNTER COMMAND CENTER?

<We surrendered Kamish's remains to the U.S. government upon request...>
<...because we knew we could leverage them for things better than money.>
<But I got to keep Kamish's biggest and sharpest fang as a souvenir.>
<Pulled it out myself when the bastard bit me.>
<The fang was too short for a sword, so the craftsman made it into these daggers. Looks like it was the right choice after all.>

ITEM
[ITEM: Kamish's Wrath]
ACQUISITION DIFFICULTY
CATEGORY: Dagger
Attack Power +1,500
A dagger of the best quality made by a master craftsman from the sharpest fang of a dragon. A weapon with no equal, the dagger's strength can be amplified by the user's own ability due to its superior sensitivity to mana.
<These are yours now.>
THE DAGGER'S ATTACK POWER IS +1500? ARE YOU KIDDING ME?
I THOUGHT THE DEMON MONARCH'S DAGGER WAS GREAT, BUT...THESE NEW ONES ARE INCOMPARABLE.
ITEM
[ITEM: Demon Monarch's Dagger]
ACQUISITION DIFFICULTY
CATEGORY: Dagger
Attack Power +220
A dagger acquired from
Monarch. When you use both Demon Monarch's Daggers together, the set buff will be applied.
Set Buff: Two is One: Extra attack power equal to the current strength stat will be applied to each dagger.
SHK
SHHK
SHK
NUMBERS-WISE, IT'S LIKE I'M HOLDING A BROADSWORD IN EACH HAND!

<Whoa there, Mr. Sung. Even if I boosted my defense power with Enforcement, that dagger would cut right through me.>
<You don't want to kill me with the weapon I just gifted you, do you?>
RUMBLE
THEY'RE RESPONDING TO MY MAGIC POWER, AS IF GREETING ME.
THESE DAGGERS ARE DEFINITELY DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS.
WHOOM
<Laura, still think I made a bad call?>

<How do you like them, Mr. Sung?>
ARE YOU SURE I CAN JUST HAVE THEM FOR FREE?
<Free?>
<It's a small price to pay for my life and the lives of my guild members.>
IN THAT CASE, I GRACIOUSLY ACCEPT.
<It's my pleasure.>

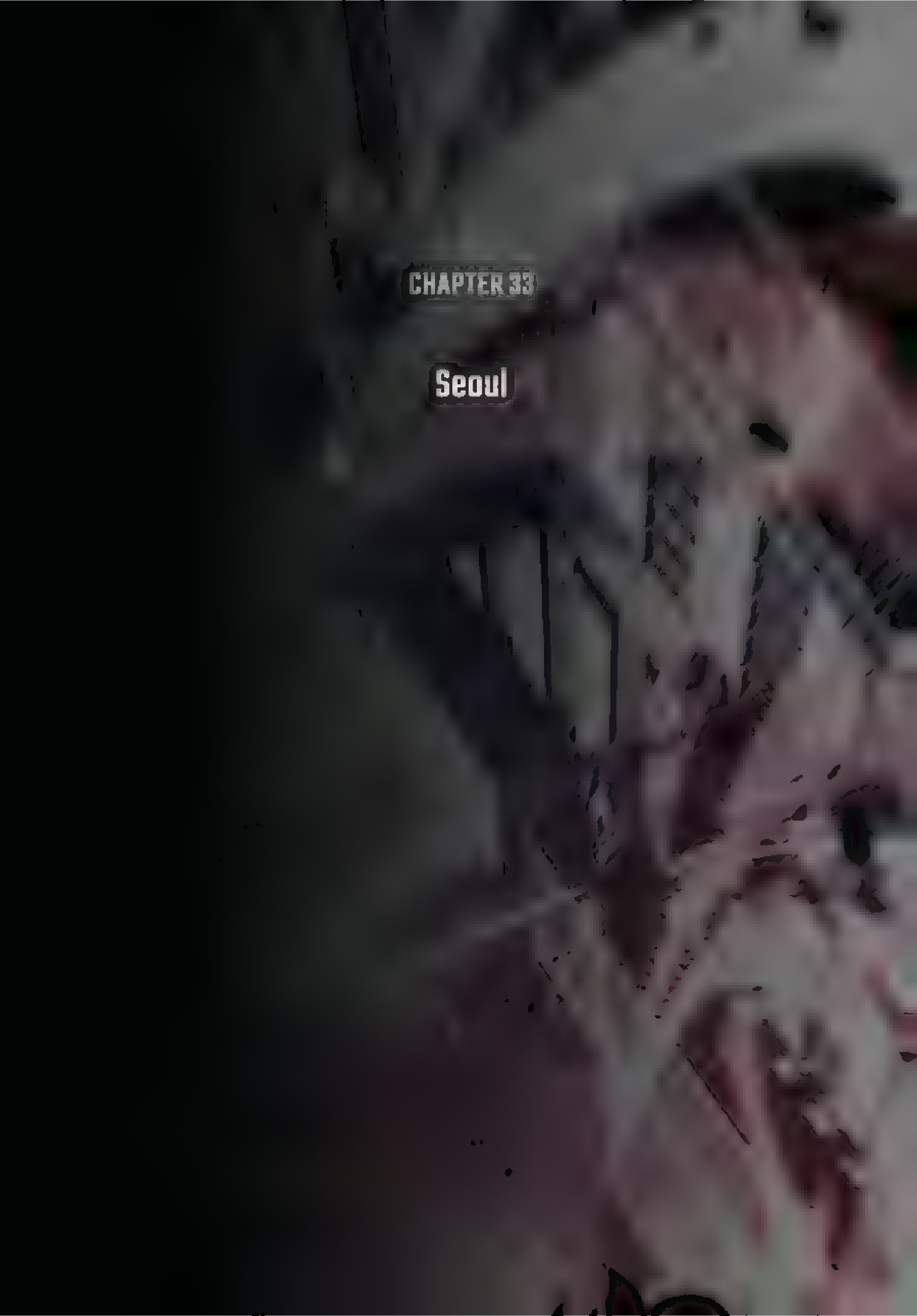
BA-
DUMP

<Mr. Sung,
just now...>
NOD

CLAMOR
CLAMOR
TH- THAT'S...!!
<I can't believe this. I've never seen such a massive gate.>
<Even Kamish's gate wasn't this big.>
WAS THIS THE SOURCE OF THE INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF DARK MATTER GATHERING AROUND SEOUL THAT SCIENTISTS OBSERVED?

FWOOOM
<Is this world already out of control...?>
HWOOO
SNAP

Solo Leveling

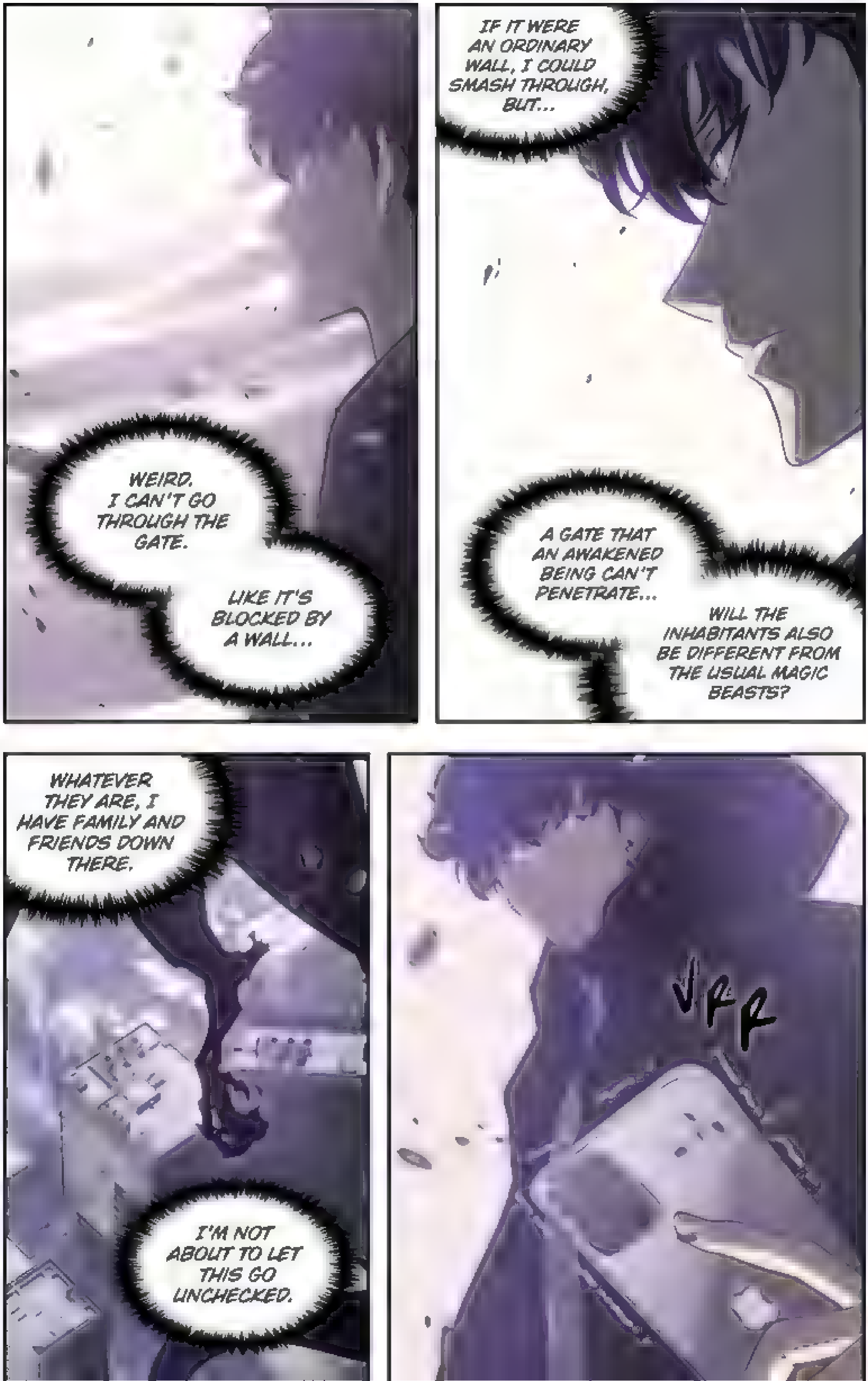

CHAPTER 33
Seoul

VMM MM

Yes. I'm standing under the gate covering the sky of Seoul, South Korea.
The gate you see now is the biggest ever recorded since magic beasts first appeared.
As you can see, many people have come out to look at the gate. Their grim expressions say it all...
. .This is Nick Falwell from BBN News.

<I've been warning people about the amount of energy gathering in the sky for some time now.>
<Are you saying that you're seeing the warning signs in more places?>
<The huge gate appearing over Seoul is just the beginning...>
<...and I predict we will see more of these horrifying gates in many countries.>
<That is exactly what I would like to emphasize.>
<You have studied gates and magic beasts for a long time, correct?>
<In your opinion, what is the wisest way to handle this situation, Dr. Belzer?>
<......>
<We can only pray.>

LET US PRAY THAT THIS UNPRECEDENTED SITUATION DOES NOT END IN TRAGEDY.
WHOOOSH


WEIRD. I CAN'T GO THROUGH THE GATE.
LIKE IT'S BLOCKED BY A WALL...
IF IT WERE AN ORDINARY WALL, I COULD SMASH THROUGH, BUT...
A GATE THAT AN AWAKENED BEING CAN'T PENETRATE...
WILL THE INHABITANTS ALSO BE DIFFERENT FROM THE USUAL MAGIC BEASTS?
WHATEVER THEY ARE, I HAVE FAMILY AND FRIENDS DOWN THERE.
I'M NOT ABOUT TO LET THIS GO UNCHECKED.
VRR

Hello, Director Woo?
YES, HUNTER SUNG. MY APOLOGIES, BUT IT'S HARD TO HEAR YOU. SHOULD I CALL BACK ANOTHER TIME?
No, that's fine. I'm somewhere high up.
Oh, I should call you President Woo now, shouldn't I?
CALL ME WHATEVER YOU LIKE.
I'M IN OVER MY HEAD, SO IT STILL FEELS RATHER AWKWARD TO BE CALLED PRESIDENT.
Is this about my request?
YES, WE'VE CONTACTED HUNTER-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD.
BUT...

There's none. Not a single new gate has spawned.
NO GATES EXCEPT FOR ONES THAT ALREADY EXISTED?
Yes, that's right.
IT'S BEEN THREE HOURS SINCE THE APPEARANCE OF THE MONOLITHIC GATE.
WHAT ARE THE ODDS THAT THERE COINCIDENTALLY HAVEN'T BEEN ANY NEW GATES DURING THAT THREE-HOUR WINDOW?
...THAT'S NO COINCIDENCE.

OUR NEXT STEP IS TO EVACUATE PEOPLE WHO LIVE NEAR THE GATE.
WE'LL PROCEED METHODICALLY TO MITIGATE THE CHAOS.
WHAT'S YOUR PLAN, HUNTER SUNG?
EVEN IF THE WORLD GOES TO PIECES TOMORROW...
...SOMEONE STILL HAS TO PLANT AN APPLE TREE, YOU KNOW?
CLICK

HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION GYM
SHUP
SHK SHK
SHK

WHOOSH
GRAB

FSHH
SHWP
WHY AREN'T YOU ATTACKING FULL FORCE?
MY KING, HOW COULD I...?

IT'S OKAY. I WANT THE EXERCISE.
YOU KNOW ONLY YOU CAN DO THIS.
H-HOW FLATTERING...!
YOUR EXPRESSIONS ARE IMPROVING. YOU DIDN'T EAT A PERSON AGAIN, DID YOU?
ANYWAY, LET'S BEGIN.
KRIK
KRIK
HOP
HOP

[Beru Lv. Max]
Marshal Rank
SLASH
SLASH

BAM
YOU'VE REALLY POWERED UP SINCE YOU REACHED MARSHAL RANK.
SHP SHP SHP
SHP

BUT DID YOU KNOW?
THERE IS ONLY ONE MARSHAL RANK WHO CAN LEAD THE ARMY.
GREED HAS ALREADY REACHED THE GENERAL RANK, AND IGRIS IS CLOSE TO LEVELING UP TO IT. THEN THEY'LL LEVEL UP TO THE MARSHAL RANK IN NO TIME.
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOUR POSITION, TRY HARDER.

LEAP
KA-BOOM
BOOM
SWNP
BAM BAM
BOOM
THIS ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH.
ALTHOUGH BERU IS THE STRONGEST SOLDIER IN MY ARMY...
...HE'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO FIGHT AGAINST THE MONARCHS.
WHOOSH

KA-BOOM

KRIIIK
KRIIIIK
YOUR HUMBLE SERVANT...
...CANNOT CONTAIN HIS AWE AT YOUR MIGHT AND POWER...
I THINK YOU NEED TO STOP WATCHING THOSE HISTORICAL DRAMAS FOR A WHILE.
......
NOW THAT THE PRACTICE RUN IS DONE...
...IT'S TIME TO CLEAN UP...

DUUN

UH, PRESIDENT WOO? PLEASE STAY CALM AND HEAR ME OUT FIRST.
I HAVE ABOUT THREE HUNDRED ANTS WHO ARE EXCELLENT AT MANUAL LABOR, SO...

A HOTEL IN SEOUL

<Will you stay here, sir?>
<How could I leave with that big, beautiful thing up there?>

<It's certainly huge, but beautiful...?>
<Anything that makes my heart race is beautiful.>

<That fire-breathing dragon, this humongous gate, Hunter Sung's power... They're all stunning to me.>
<So I...>
<...wanted to possess them.>
<And now there's something you can't have.>
<Yeah. Who knew there would be something I couldn't claim for my own?>

<Even if I did go back to the U.S., what would I do with no more gates spawning?>
<But...the Hunter Command Center is worried about you.>
<This will either be the end of human history or a new beginning.>
<Just hearing that makes me laugh. There's no safer place in the world than wherever Hunter Sung is.>
<If that thing isn't stopped here, there's no future for humanity.>
<That's why I want to see it with my own eyes.>

CLAMOR
CLAMOR

HONK
HONK
BEEP
BEEP

CLAMOR
CLAMOR
BUILDING 2
MOM, AREN'T WE GOING TO EVACUATE?
IF SEOUL IS GOING TO BE THE WAR ZONE, SHOULDN'T WE GET TO CHOOSE WHERE WE DIE?
OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ISN'T IN THE EVACUATION ZONE ANYWAY.
BUT I'M GOING TO COLLEGE NEXT YEAR!
I'LL BE ABLE TO DRINK, AND I WANT TO MOVE OUT AND ENJOY BEING A UNIVERSITY STUDENT.
I'M YOUNG! SO WHY SHOULD I DIE?!
YOU HAVE A POINT.
WELL, JINWOO WILL PROTECT US...
...JUST LIKE YOUR DAD DID.

I STILL CAN'T SENSE THOSE BASTARDS' PRESENCE, EVEN IN THIS SITUATION.
WHERE ARE THEY HIDING?
THAT GATE... I NEED TO STOP IT.
BUT EVEN THEN, CAN I DO IT WITHOUT ANY CASUALTIES?
I HAVE TOO MANY THINGS TO PROTECT NOW.

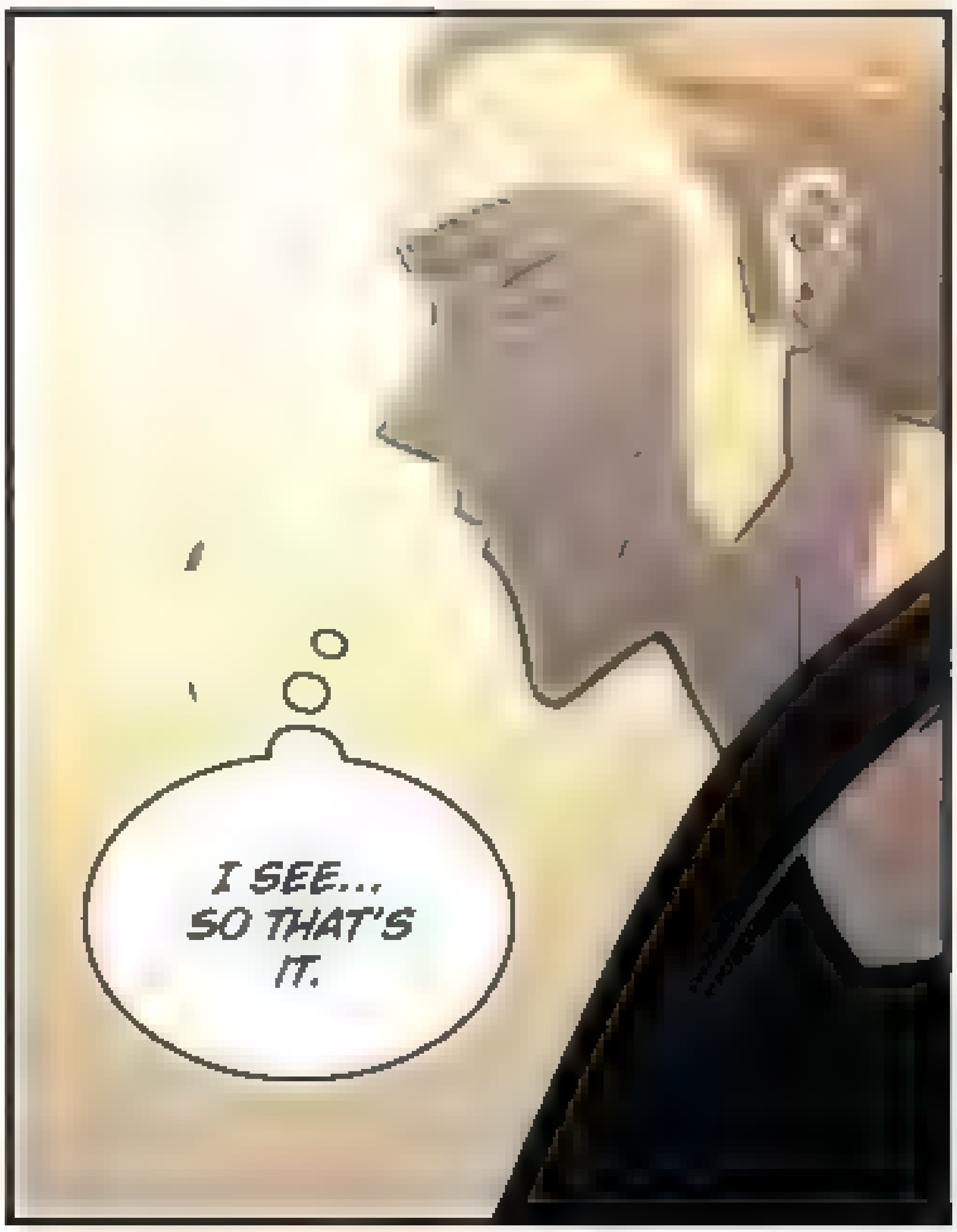
IF THIS WERE MY LAST CALL, WHO WOULD I CONTACT...?
Friend

ENOUGH!
WHEW...
I'VE SENSED MUCH HESITATION IN YOUR SWORD LATELY, HAEIN.
I'M CONCERNED THAT YOU MAY HAVE DEVELOPED FEAR IN YOUR HEART.
ALTHOUGH, WHY WOULDN'T YOU HAVE? I'VE BEEN THERE.
I CAN'T COMPARE THE MAGIC BEASTS I'VE FACED TO THE ONES YOU'VE ENCOUNTERED, BUT THAT TIME I LOST MY ARM...
VRR
VRR

OH, I'VE BEEN GOING ON AND ON.
HOW CAN A HUNTER NOT ANSWER HER PHONE?
I'M SORRY, MASTER.
MASTER, UM...!
HMM...?

SOMETHING'S COME UP, SO I HAVE TO GO.

OF COURSE. OFF WITH YOU, THEN.
BOW


I SEE... SO THAT'S IT.

ISN'T THAT HUNTER JINWOO SUNG?
WHAT? WHERE?
DAMN... IT REALLY IS!
MUR MUR
WHO'S THE WOMAN WITH HIM? HIS GIRLFRIEND?
MUR MUR
WAIT A MINUTE...ISN'T THAT HAEIN CHA FROM HUNTERS GUILD?

I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE THIS CROWDED, CONSIDERING WHAT'S HAPPENING.
DO YOU LIKE THESE KINDS OF PLACES?
NOT PARTICULARLY, BUT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO COME AT LEAST ONCE.
BUT WHY WITH ME...?
BECAUSE YOU'RE MY ONLY FRIEND.

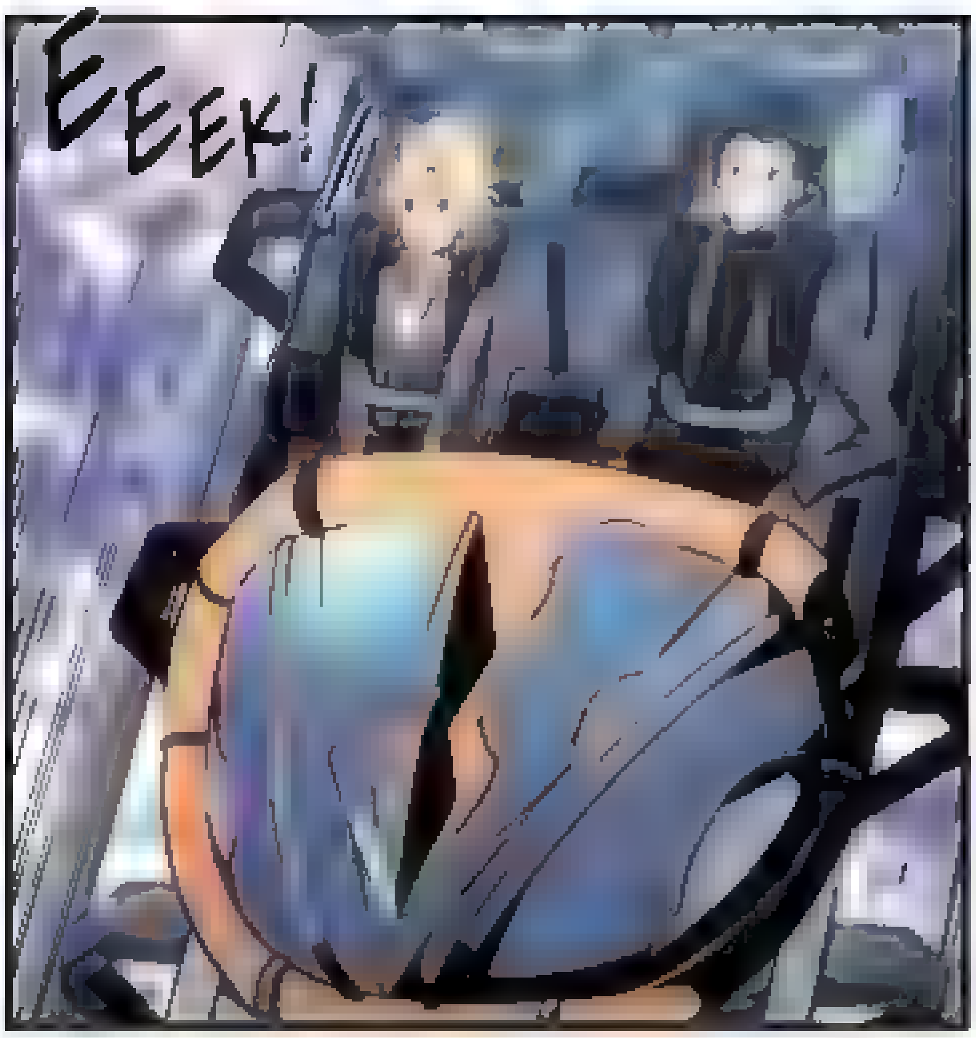
PARDON?
THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID TO THAT WEIRD STATUE, RIGHT...?
...FRIENDS.
WE'RE... FRIENDS.
HERE TO SAVE HUNTER SUNG.
OH!
Y-YOU WERE LISTENING TO US?
MORE LIKE, I OVERHEARD YOU. MY HEARING IS BETTER THAN MOST.
BLUSH

BY THE WAY... WHAT WAS THE DEAL WITH THAT STRANGE DUNGEON?
I NEED TO PROCESS SOME OF MY THOUGHTS FIRST. I STILL DON'T FULLY KNOW WHAT'S WHAT...
...BUT I'LL TELL YOU ONCE I DO.
I SEE.
BY THE WAY...
OVER HERE! PLEASE, LOOK THIS WAY!
I'M A BIG FAN, HUNTER SUNG!
...DOESN'T THIS JUST DRAW MORE ATTENTION?
AS LONG AS WE CAN'T SEE THE CROWD, RIGHT?
AH...
IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE I BECAME A HUNTER.
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME I LEFT MY HOUSE TO DO SOMETHING FUN?
IT'S DIFFERENT WHEN I'M WITH HIM.
HE SMELLS NICE.
DO YOU WANNA GO ON THAT?
SURE.

WHAT ABOUT THAT ONE?
OKAY.
OR THE ONE BESIDE IT?
THAT LOOKS GOOD TOO.

ARE YOU UP FOR ALL OF THEM?
YES, I AM.

HUH, I GUESS I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO WANTED TO COME HERE.
THEN LET'S DO THAT.


EEEK!

AAAH!
GYAAH!

STARE

YOU AREN'T ENJOYING THIS, ARE YOU?
N-NO, I AM.
SO HOW COME YOU DIDN'T SCREAM ONCE?
WELL, EVERYTHING DOES MOVE TOO SLOWLY FOR S-RANK HUNTERS TO HAVE FUN...
THE RIDES WERE SLOWER THAN EXPECTED, HUH?
PARDON? OH...YES.

DO YOU WANT TO TRY SOMETHING ACTUALLY FUN?

HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?

...BEAUTIFUL.
IT'S FAST, HIGH...
...AND...

JINWOO.
WHY DID YOU EVEN BOTHER WITH THE AMUSEMENT PARK WHEN YOU CAN EXPERIENCE THIS KIND OF STUFF?
THAT AMUSEMENT PARK...
...IS WHERE THE GATE I LOST MY FATHER TO APPEARED.
SO I ALWAYS WANTED TO GO THERE AT LEAST ONCE.
...THANK YOU.

I WANT TO... MAKE SURE TO PROPERLY THANK YOU.
YOU'VE HELPED ME IN SO MANY WAYS.
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I WANT TO SHOW YOU.

WHOOSH
WHISH

RUMBLE
HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION OF KOREA
IS THAT GATE GOING TO OPEN IN A FEW DAYS?
I'M A B-RANK AWAKENED BEING NOW. I SHOULDN'T LET MY GUARD DOWN.

BUMP
GLARE
WHAT THE HELL?

ARE THEY GOING TO FIGHT?
WOW! THAT GUY IS HUGE! EVEN DONGWOOK MA WOULD HAVE A TOUGH TIME AGAINST HIM.
I GUESS HE'S A HUNTER. THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES STILL IN SEOUL, RIGHT?
IS THAT OLDER MAN OUT OF HIS MIND? IS HE TRYING TO GET SENT TO THE E.R.?
I'M A B-RANK AWAKENED BEING NOW. B-RANK HUNTERS ARE UP THERE IN POWER!
THE MAN WHO USED TO PANDER TO HIS SUPERIORS AND GET IGNORED BY HIS SUBORDINATES IS NO MORE!!
HEY! YOU SHOULD APOLOGIZE WHEN YOU BUMP INTO SOMEONE!!
DO YOU THINK THIS IS OVER IF YOU JUST STAND THERE?
WHEN YOU DO SOMETHING WRONG, YOU SHOULD OWN UP TO IT AND ASK FOR FORGI—

AIEEEEE!
PTOO!!
H-HE'S EATING HIM! HE'S EATING THAT GUY!
CRASH
SMIRK
THUD
KRIK

WHOOSH
CRASH
HEAR ME, LOWLY HUMANS!
WHOOSH

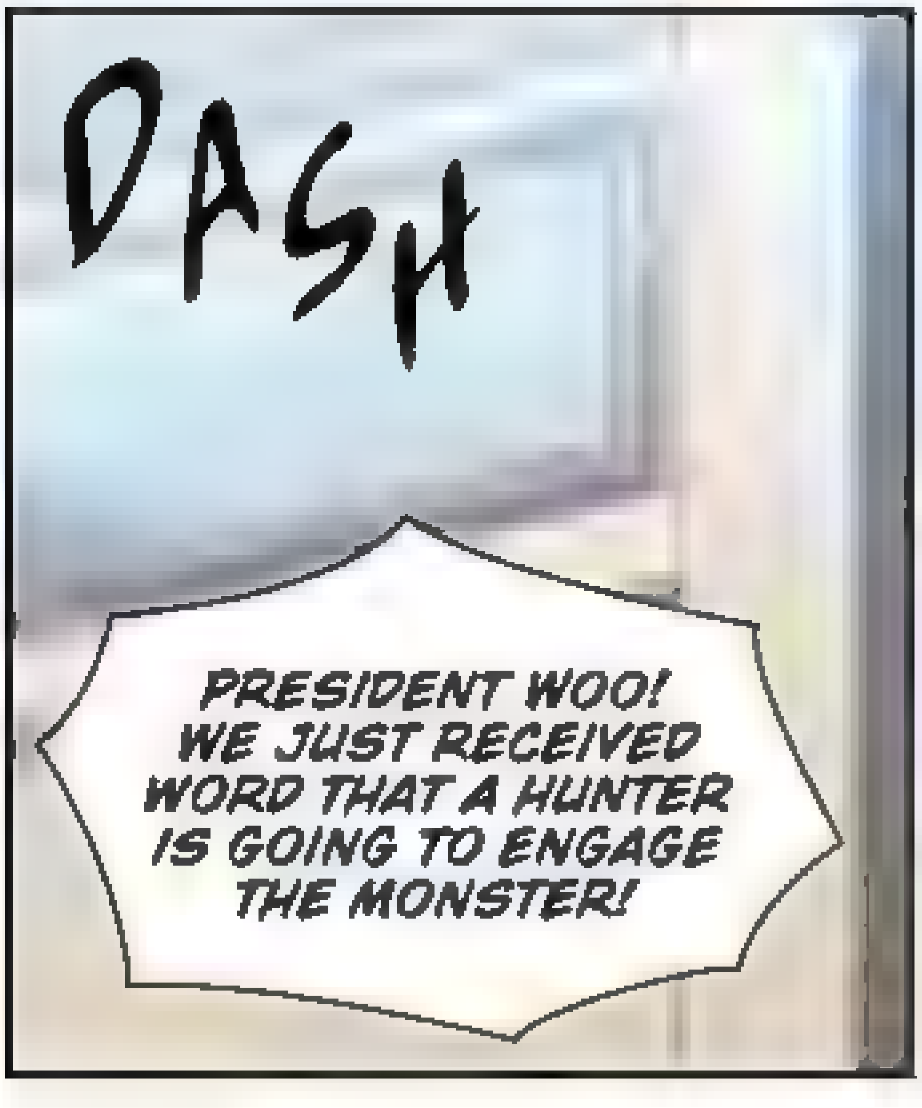
FROM THIS MOMENT, YOU SHALL BE MY QUARRY!
I WILL TEAR YOUR FLESH WITH MY FANGS AND CLAWS!
ROAARR
I AM THE KING OF BEASTS—THE FANG MONARCH!
STOP ME IF YOU CAN!

I KNOW A HOTEL WITH A FANTASTIC BREAKFAST NEARBY.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO WASH UP AND GRAB A BITE THERE?
GULP
SURE
FSHH

LET'S GO.
DIDN'T YOU SAY IT WAS NEARBY?
IT WOULD TAKE ME ABOUT FIVE MINUTES IF I RAN AT FULL SPEED, SO...
JUST HOW MANY KILOMETERS CAN HE COVER IN FIVE MINUTES...?
FLAP

AN INTRUDER IN FRONT OF THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION BUILDING?
HOW...MANY VICTIMS?
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET A BODY COUNT AT THIS POINT.
BUT THERE MUST BE A FEW DAYS LEFT BEFORE THE DUNGEON BREAK...!
THE GATE IS ENOUGH OF A HEADACHE, BUT WHERE DID THAT MAGIC BEAST COME FROM...?

WHAT'S HUNTER SUNG'S STATUS?
WE CAN'T REACH HIM.
IF IT COMES TO IT, THEN I'LL STEP IN...


DASH
PRESIDENT WOO! WE JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT A HUNTER IS GOING TO ENGAGE THE MONSTER!

WHAT? HAS HUNTER SUNG ARRIVED?!
NO, SIR! BUT...

...AN INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED HUNTER WAS IN THE VICINITY.
HWOOO
<Can I do this? My life won't end here, will it?>
<Perhaps it's fate...>
<...that I'm in Seoul to stop the monster.>
GRAB
<Move.>
<You're in my way >
KLAK

YES, THIS IS JINWOO SUNG. WHAT'S THE MATTER?
Hunter Sung! Why was it so hard to reach you?
I DIDN'T HAVE RECEPTION UNTIL A MINUTE AGO.
A monster has appeared and is on a rampage in the middle of Seoul!

How could that be...? Aren't there a few days left before the dungeon break?!
YES, AND YET...
HOW LARGE IS THE GROUP OF MAGIC BEASTS?
It's not a group. There's only one.
JUST THE ONE?
HUNTERS FROM ALL OVER KOREA ARE GATHERED IN SEOUL AS WE SPEAK.
THEY'RE WAITING WITH BATED BREATH FOR THE POSSIBLE DUNGEON BREAK FROM THE MONOLITHIC GATE.
BUT THEY CAN'T HANDLE ONE MAGIC BEAST THAT APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE?

A guild went after the bastard and was decimated in a heartbeat. It doesn't appear to be an ordinary magic beast.
I just got a phone call that Hunter Andre is facing off against it.
THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT. I LEFT A SHADOW SOLDIER WITH THOMAS...
...WITH THE ORDER TO SIGNAL ME RIGHT AWAY IF HE SENSED ANY-THING ODD.
I HAVEN'T HEARD A PEEP FROM THE SOLDIER DESPITE THOMAS SINGLE-HANDEDLY BATTLING A CREATURE THAT WIPED OUT AN ENTIRE GUILD.
...WAIT A MINUTE.
THE SIGNALS FROM MY SOLDIERS IN SEOUL ARE VERY WEAK...
...LIKE SOMETHING IS INTERFERING WITH THEM.
WHAT'S GOING ON?

The designated shadow soldier cannot be found.
The designated shadow soldier cannot be found.
THE SHADOWS THAT I NEED TO COORDINATE HAVE DISAPPEARED.
THERE'S A PROBLEM IN KOREA.
COULD IT BE A DUNGEON BREAK?
NO. IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING ELSE.
AN OVERPOWERED NEW ENEMY, A NATIONAL-LEVEL HUNTER AS ITS OPPONENT, AND A BUNCH OF JAMMED SIGNALS...
NO...!
PRESIDENT WOO, DOES THAT MONSTER HAVE A SHADOW?
TMP
I NEED TO KNOW IF THAT MONSTER HAS A SHADOW.

GROAR!
BECAUSE INSTEAD OF SHADOWS, THEY HIDE A TERRIFYING MONSTER!
<T-Thomas?>
<Goliath! It's Goliath!>
<Don't just stand there, you idiots! Clear everyone out of the area!>

<......>
<This beast didn't know his place and went too far.>

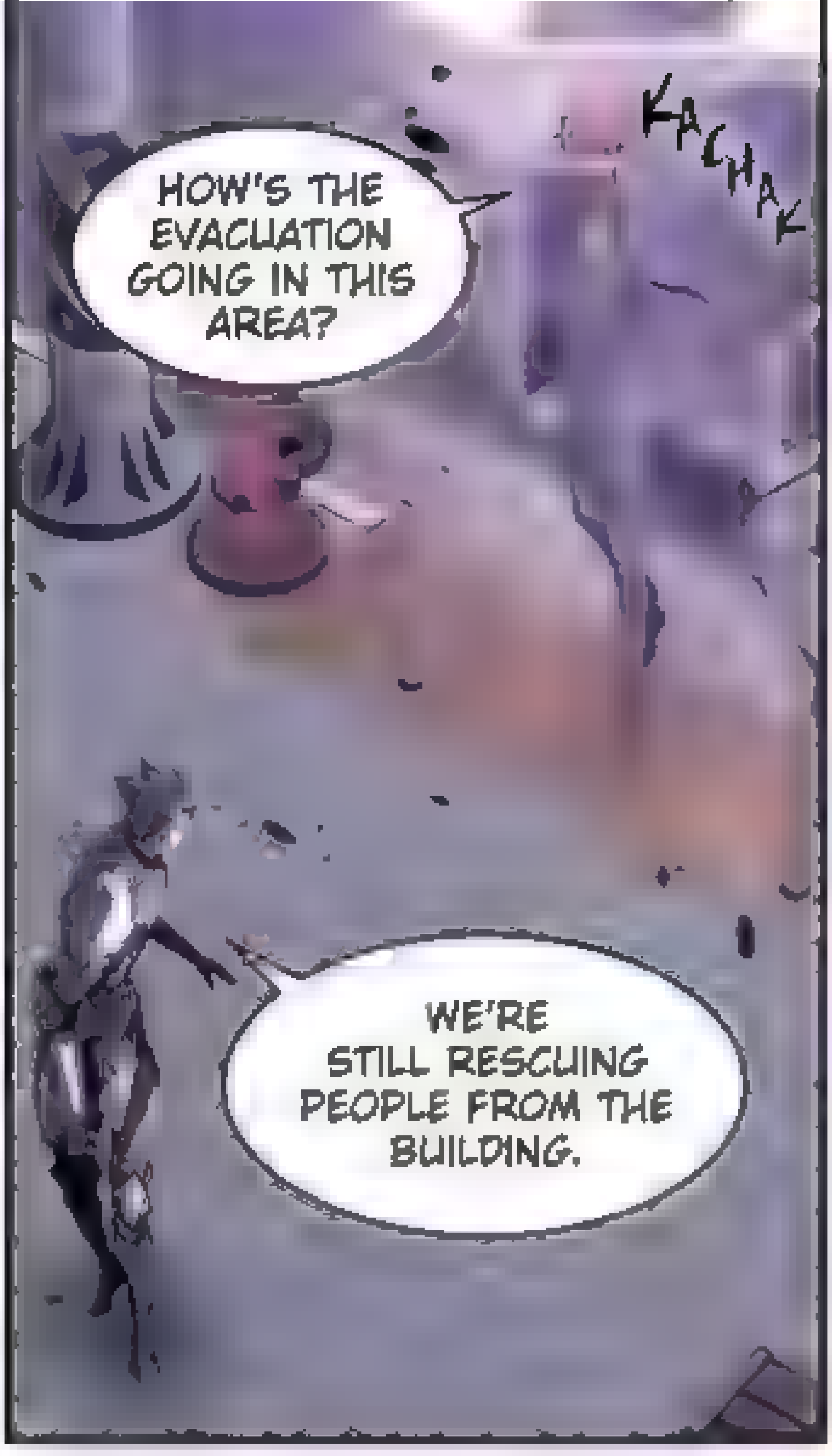
<A rabid animal should be put down, no?>

FWOOOOM!
SLASH

POW

BAM
WHOOSH

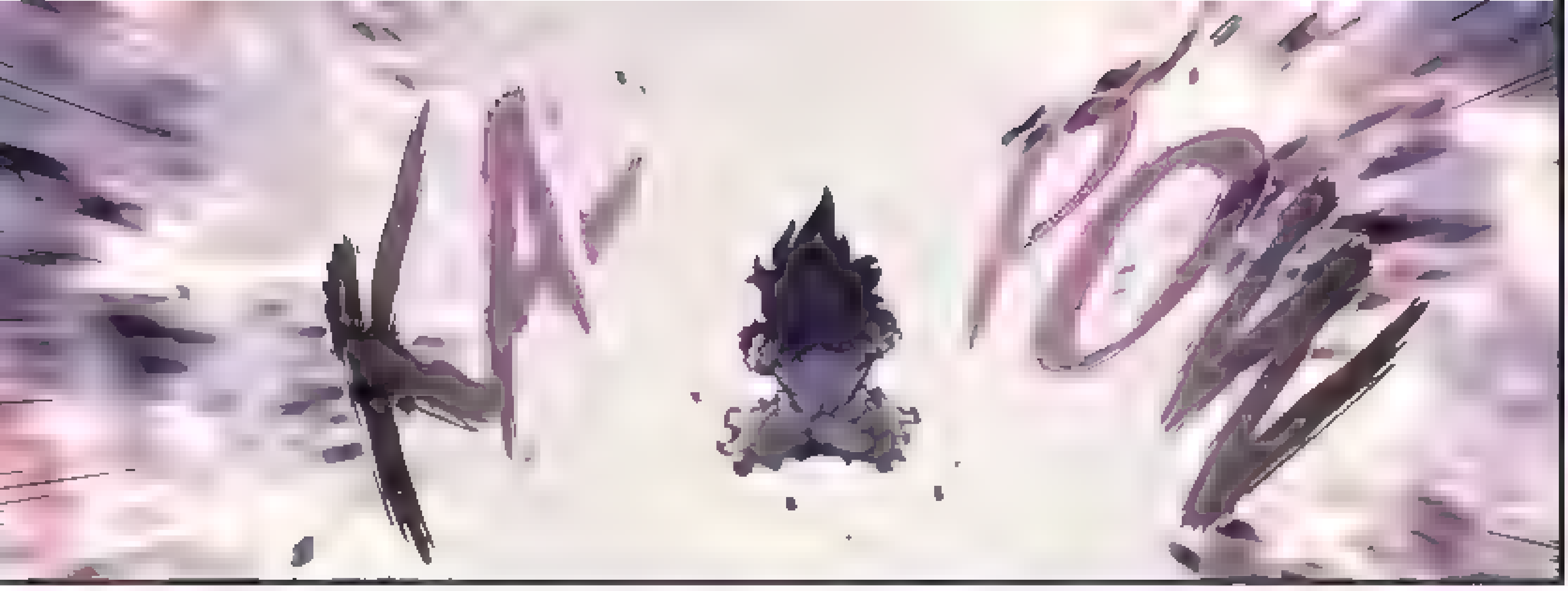
KA-
POW


KACHAK
HOW'S THE EVACUATION GOING IN THIS AREA?
WE'RE STILL RESCUING PEOPLE FROM THE BUILDING.

WHICH GUILD IS WORKING AT THE SCENE?
BOTH REAPERS GUILD AND WHITE TIGER GUILD HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED.
THE MAGIC BEAST SHOULD BE DEFEATED SOON SINCE SO MANY HUNTERS ARE ALREADY GATHERED IN SEOUL BECAUSE OF THE MONOLITHIC GATE.

I THINK WE, HUNTERS GUILD, NEED TO FOCUS ON RESCUE AND EVACUATION.
IT SHOULD BE DEFEATED SOON?

THOMAS ANDRE, A NATIONAL-LEVEL HUNTER, IS FIGHTING AGAINST AN UNIDENTIFIED MAGIC BEAST.
THIS POWERFUL PRESENCE...
I DIDN'T SENSE ANYTHING LIKE IT DURING THE JEJU ISLAND RAID.
WHAT KIND OF MONSTER IS GOLIATH UP AGAINST?


KA-POW

WHOOSH

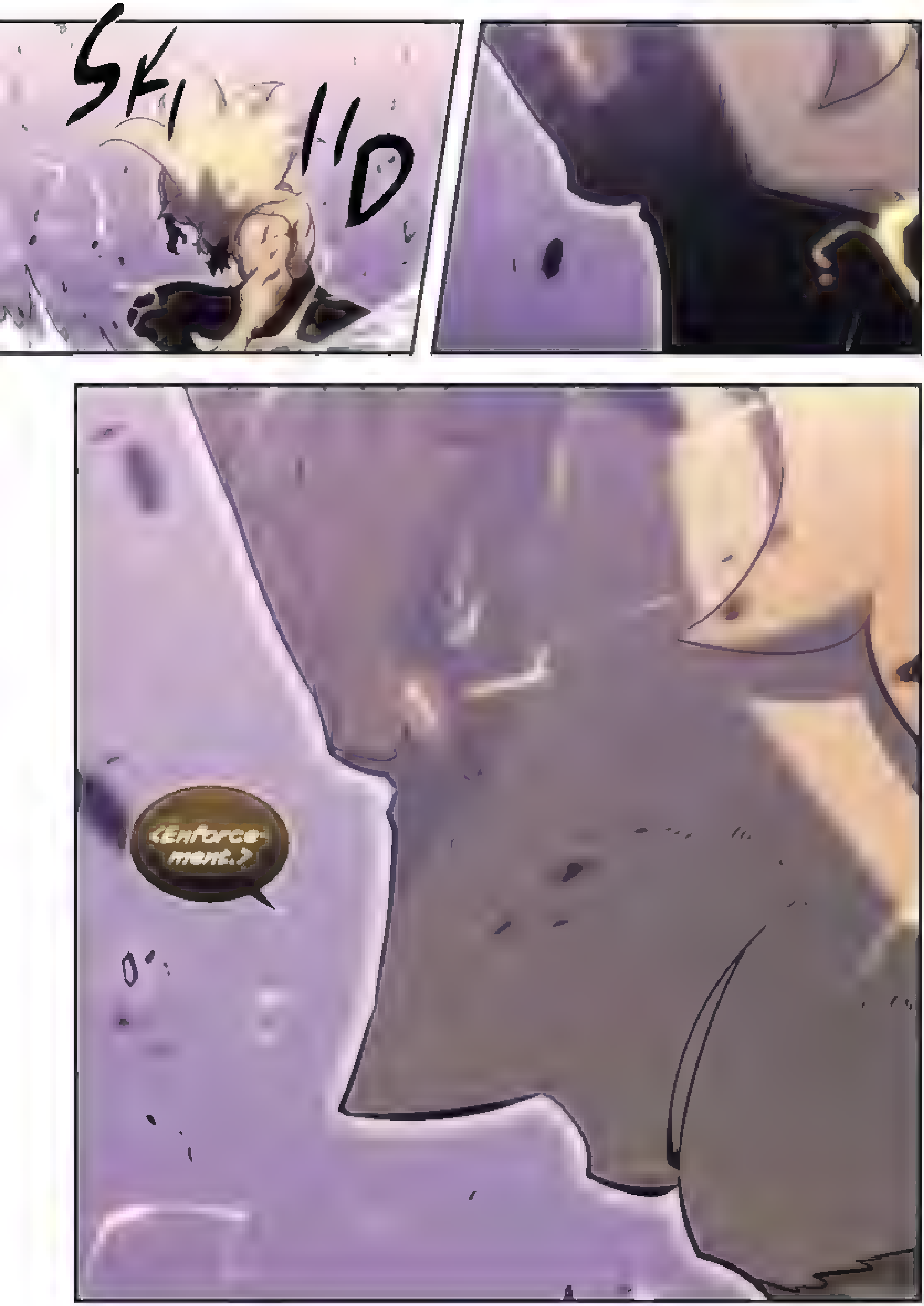
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
FSHHHHH
RUMBLE
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM

CRASH
VOOM
POW

KRAK
GRAB

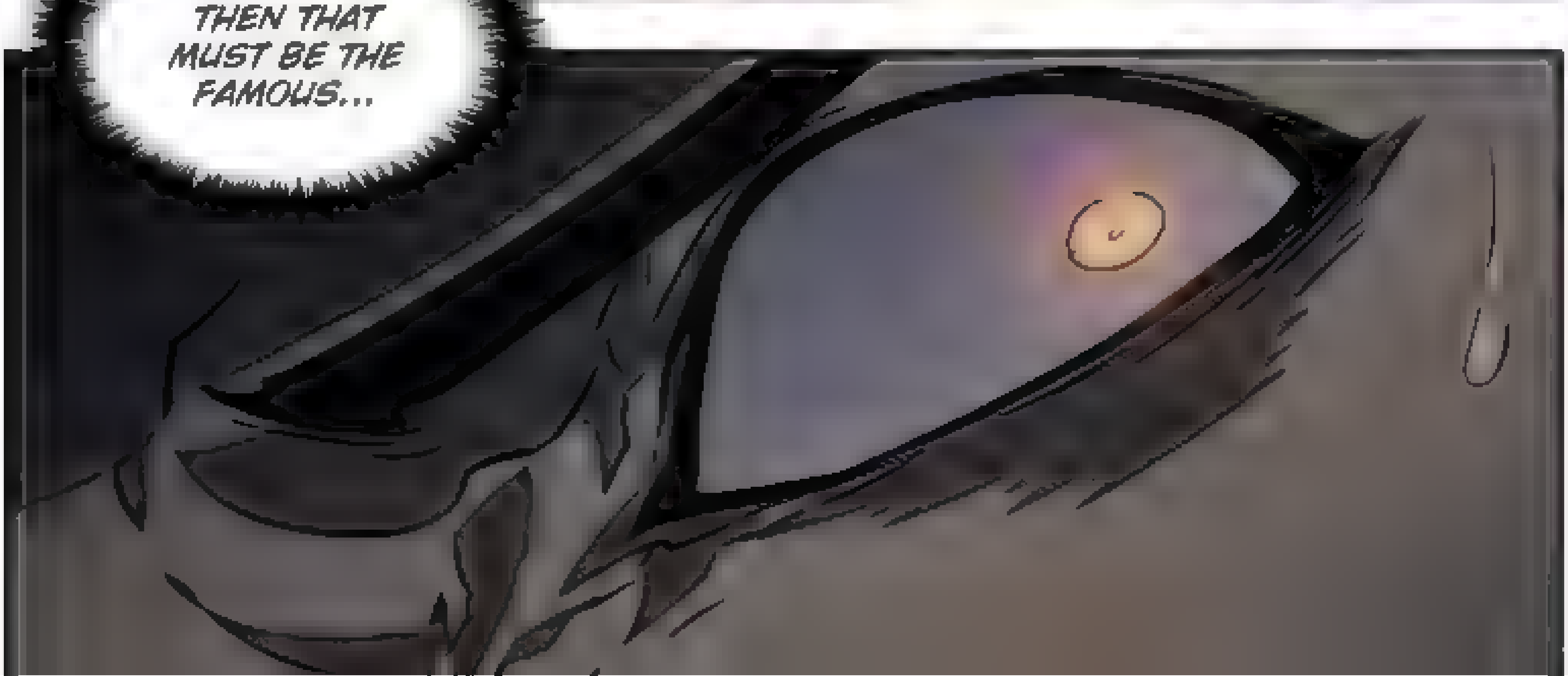
THWACK

WHAM
WHIRL

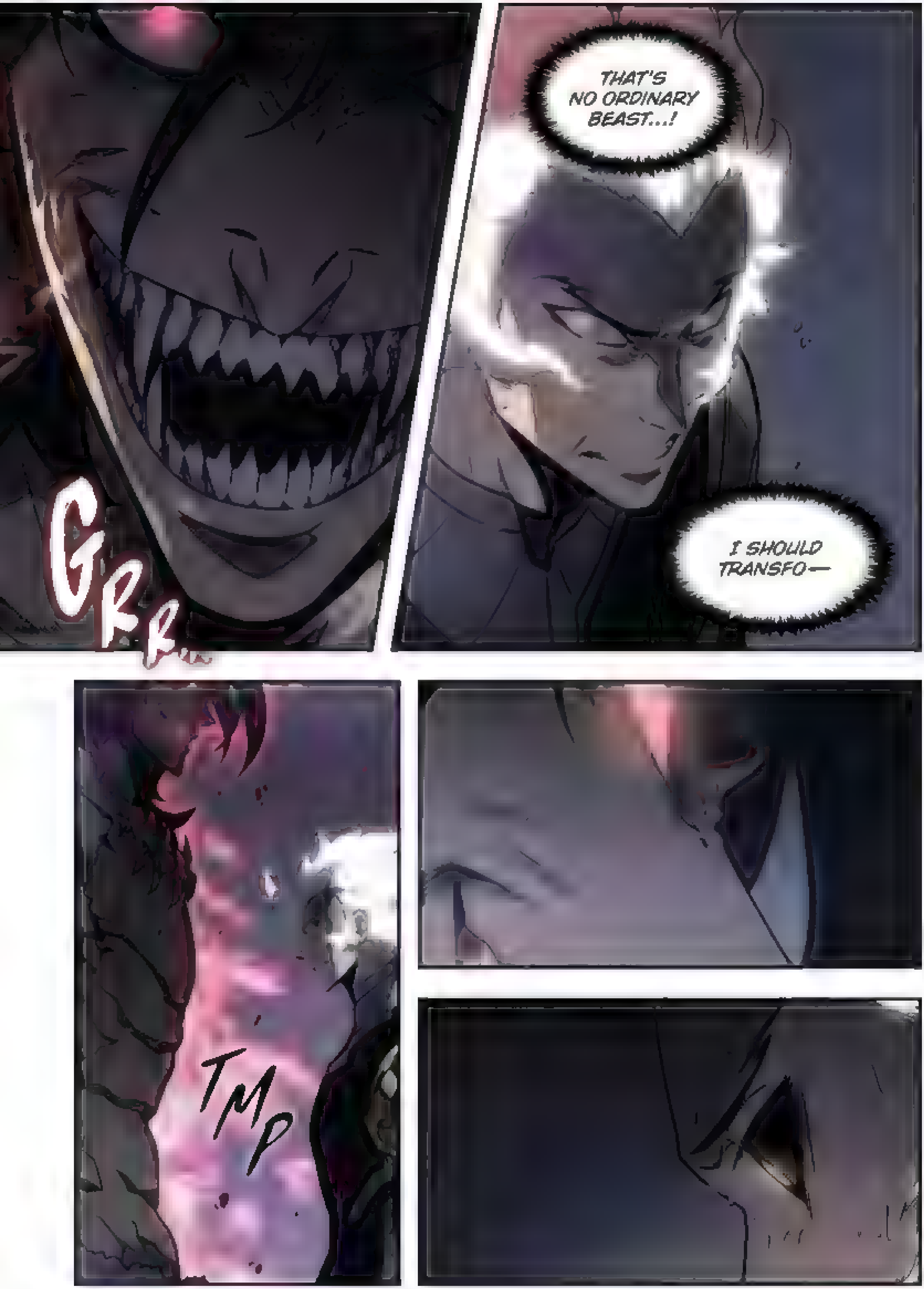

SKI I'D
<Enforce-
ment.>

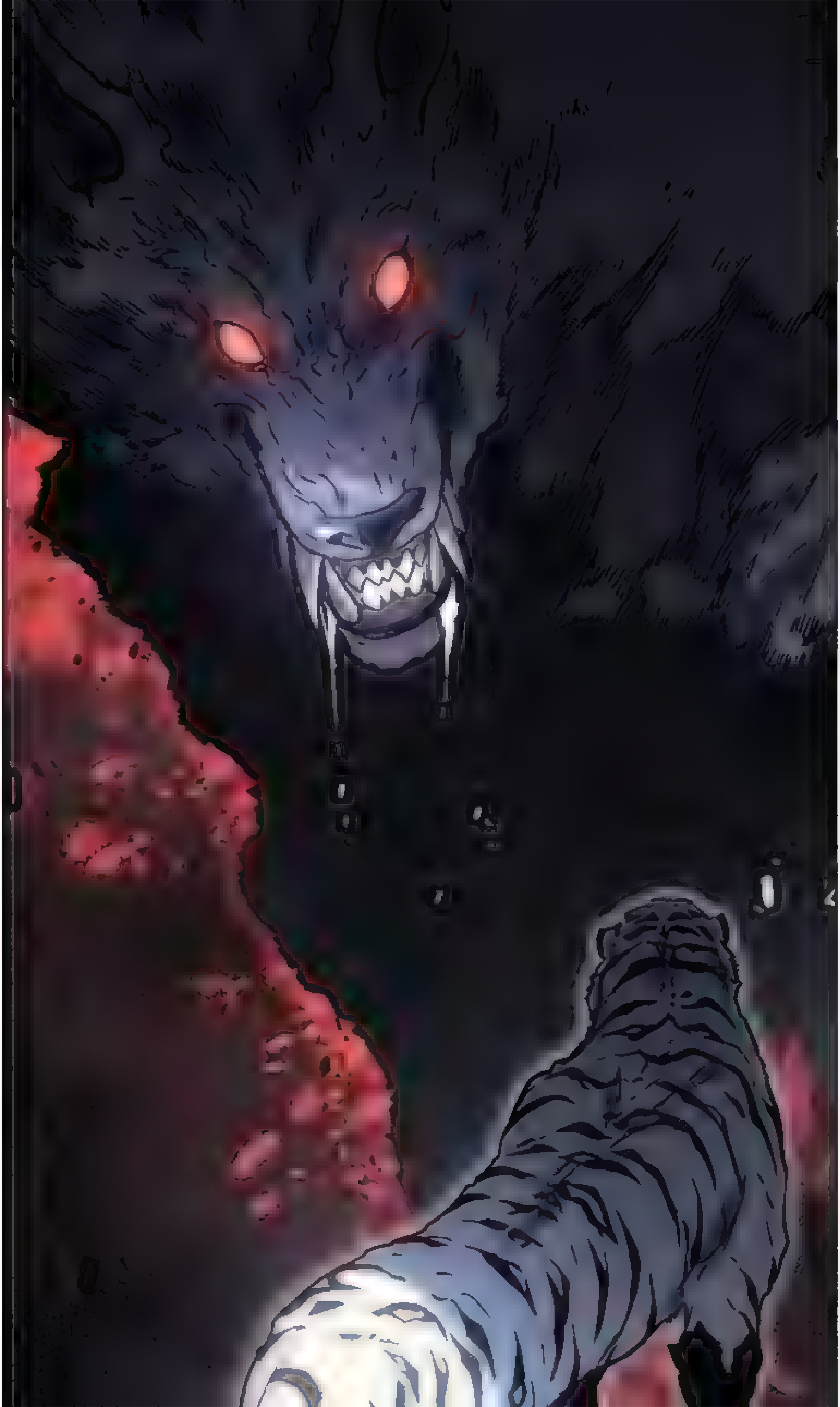
SO THIS IS THE PLACE.
EVERYONE READY?
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
RUMBLE

DUN
SO THAT'S THE MAGIC BEAST CAUSING TROUBLE.


THEN THAT MUST BE THE FAMOUS...

...GOLIATH—
THOMAS ANDRE!
GOLIATH, YOU'RE THE BEST!
WHOO!!
KILL IT!
<Idiots! Get out of here!>


GRR...
THAT'S NO ORDINARY BEAST...!
I SHOULD TRANSFO—
TMP



MY ANIMAL SENSES ARE WARNING ME
I'M STRUGGLING TO NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT I'M PREY.
I CAN'T EVEN LOOK IT IN THE EYE ...!
VMM
WHOOM

WHOOSH
BAM
WHAM
BOOM
KA-BOOM

GRAB
KRIK
KRIK

CRASH!
SLAM

WHOOSH
POW
POW
POW
POW
<What's this?>

<I feel suffocated by unease.>
<I'm nowhere near victory.>
GRAB//

KRIK
KRAAAAK
THIS IS AN IMPRESSIVE SHOW OF POWER FOR A MERE PUPPET OF A FRAGMENT.
I'VE SEEN ENOUGH OF YOUR LITTLE TRICKS.
<—!!?
CRUSH

ARE YOU AFRAID?

DO YOU FEEL FEAR?
DO YOU DESPAIR?
SKRAAAH!!
......!
THRUST
I SEE THAT THERE'S A RAT HIDING HERE.
WHAT WERE YOU DOING INSIDE HIS SHADOW?

POOF
YOU'RE ANNOYING. DISAPPEAR.
CRUSH
SHOULD I CONTINUE TO PLAY? YOU SEEM CONFIDENT IN YOUR STRENGTH, SO SHOW ME YOUR BEST.
BOOM

<What the hell are you yapping about?>
GRAB

AAAAH!
GLARE

FWIP
GRAB
WHOOOSH

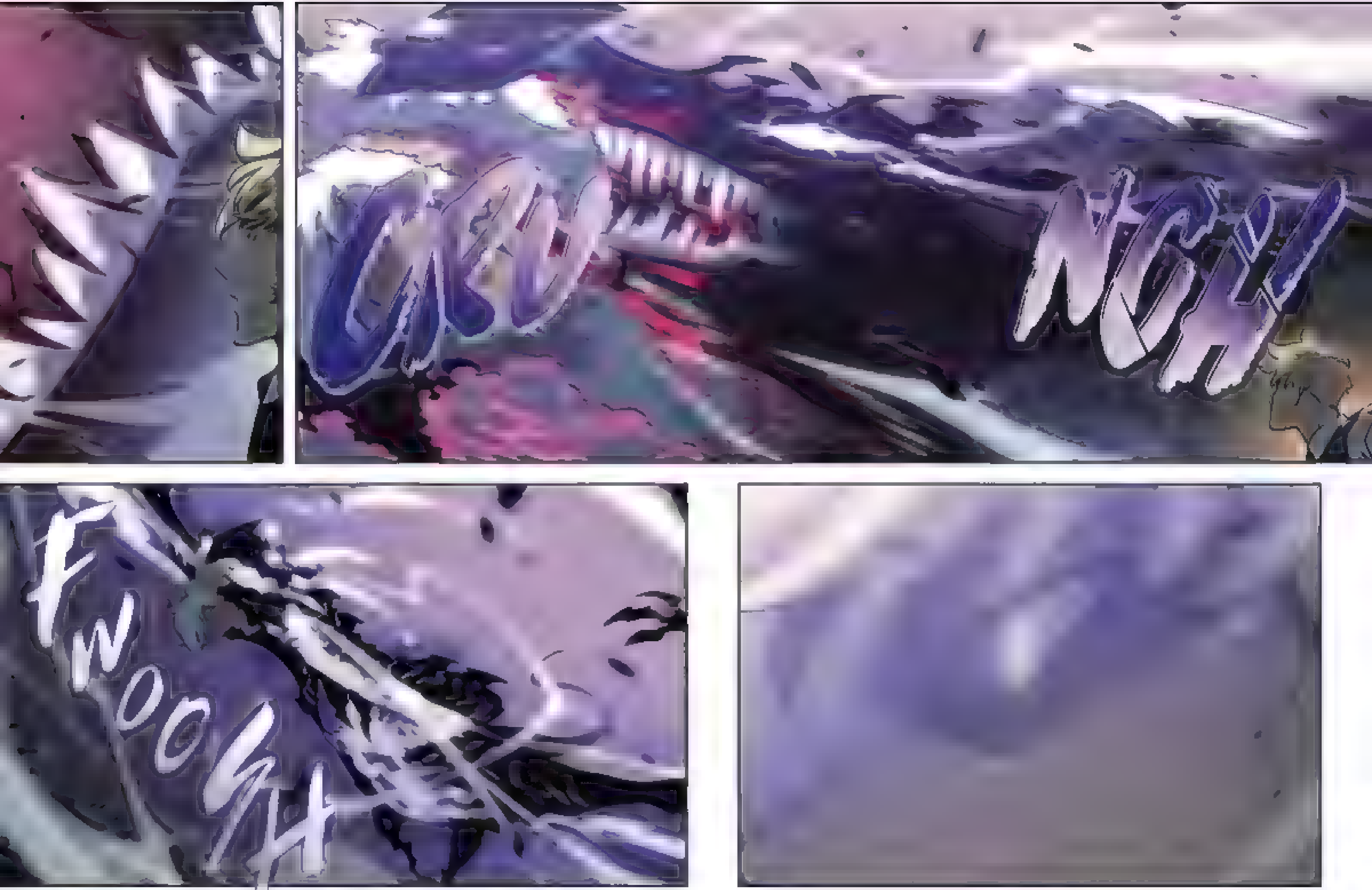
SORRY, BUT I'M GETTING HUNGRY NOW.
SLAM

BOOM
?
SKIID
FSHHHH

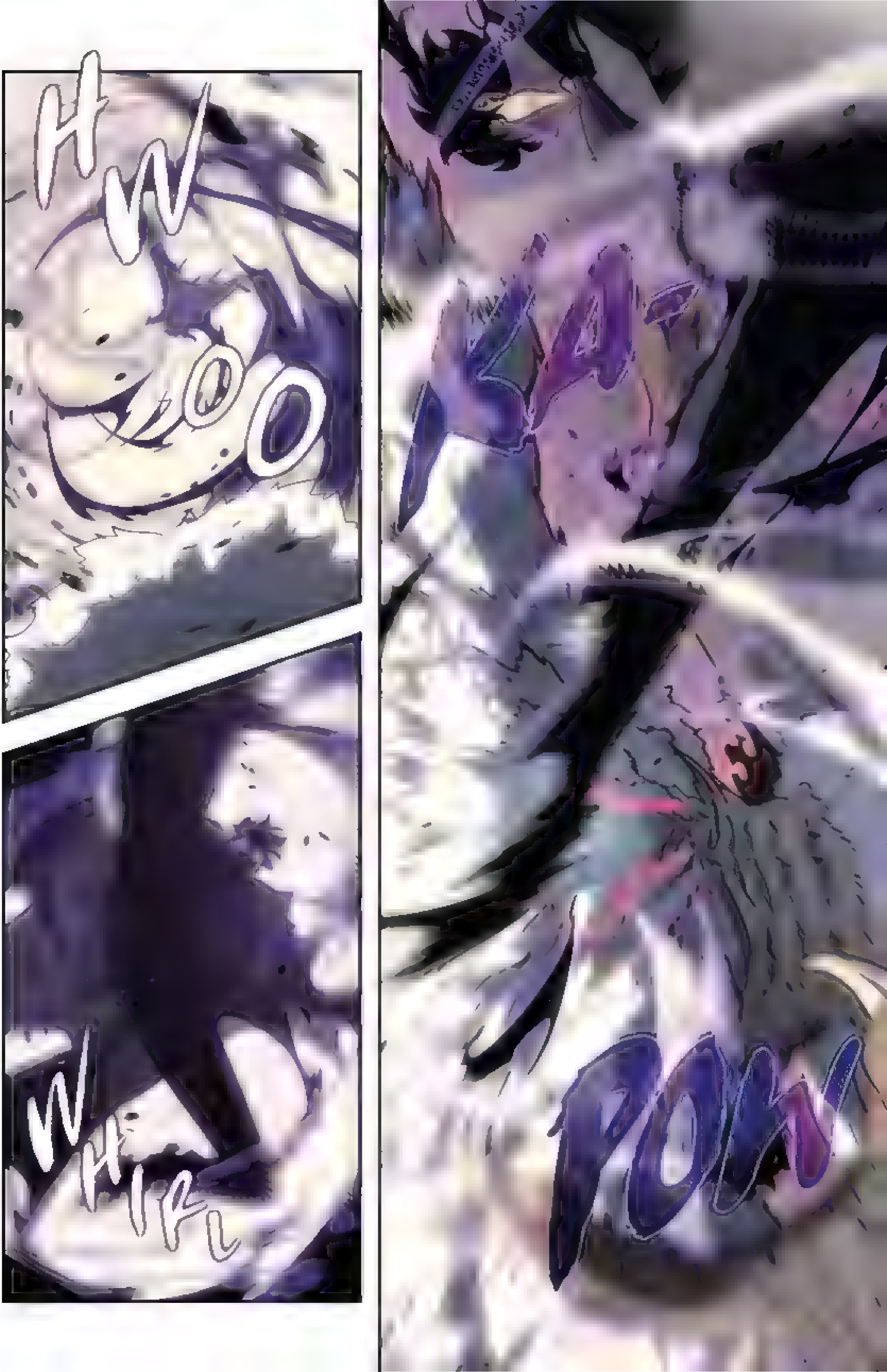
<I won't let you do as you like.>

<Just looking at him gives me the chills.>
<R...Run... You'll...get... killed...>
<I know. But I'm a hunter too.>
<No regrets.>
<Even if this means the end for me, I'd make the same call every time.>
<Better to die honorably than to live cowardly!>

<This was the right decision.>
<This was the right decision.>
SHUD DER
<Or...>
<...was it?>

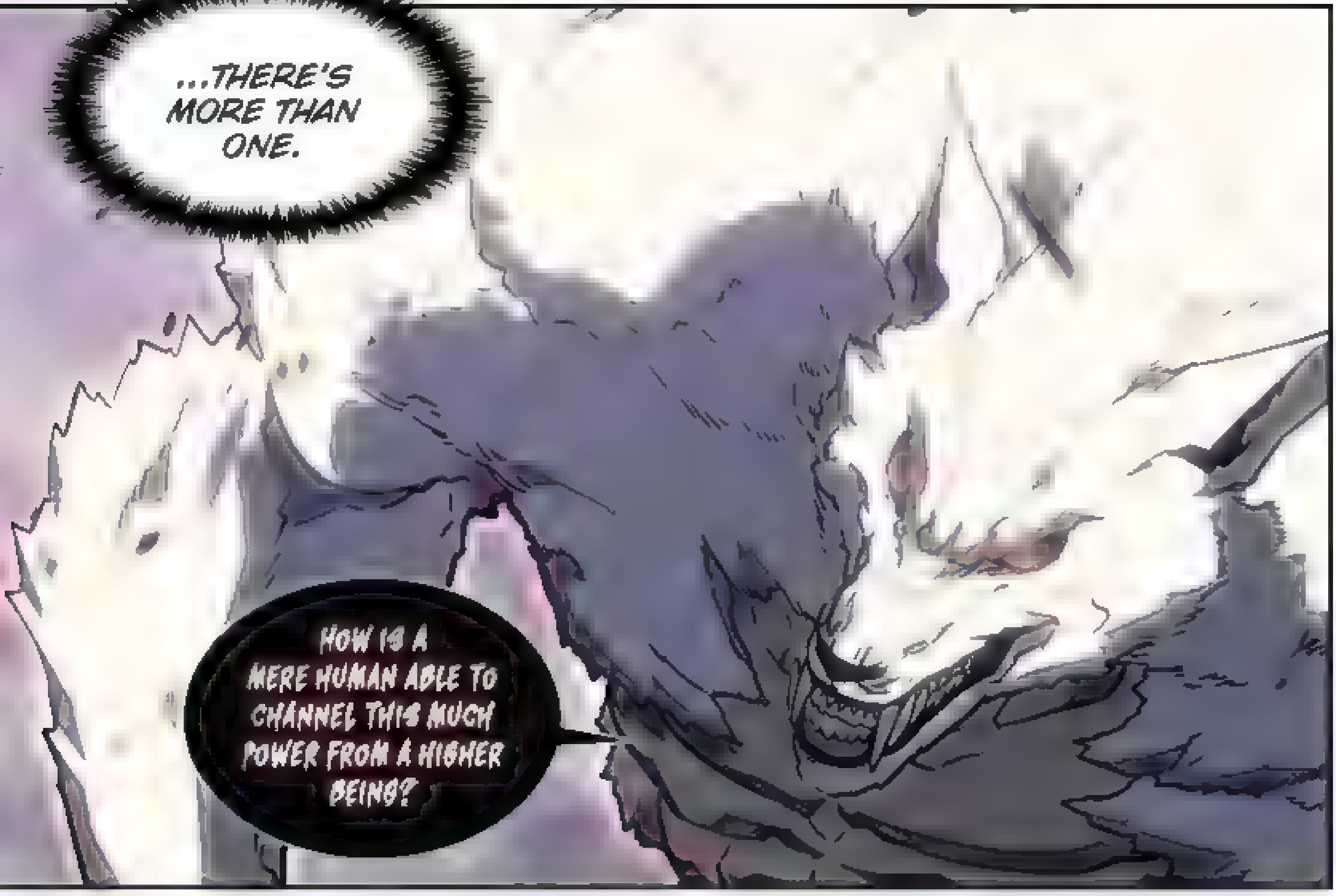

CRU
NCH!
FWOOSH

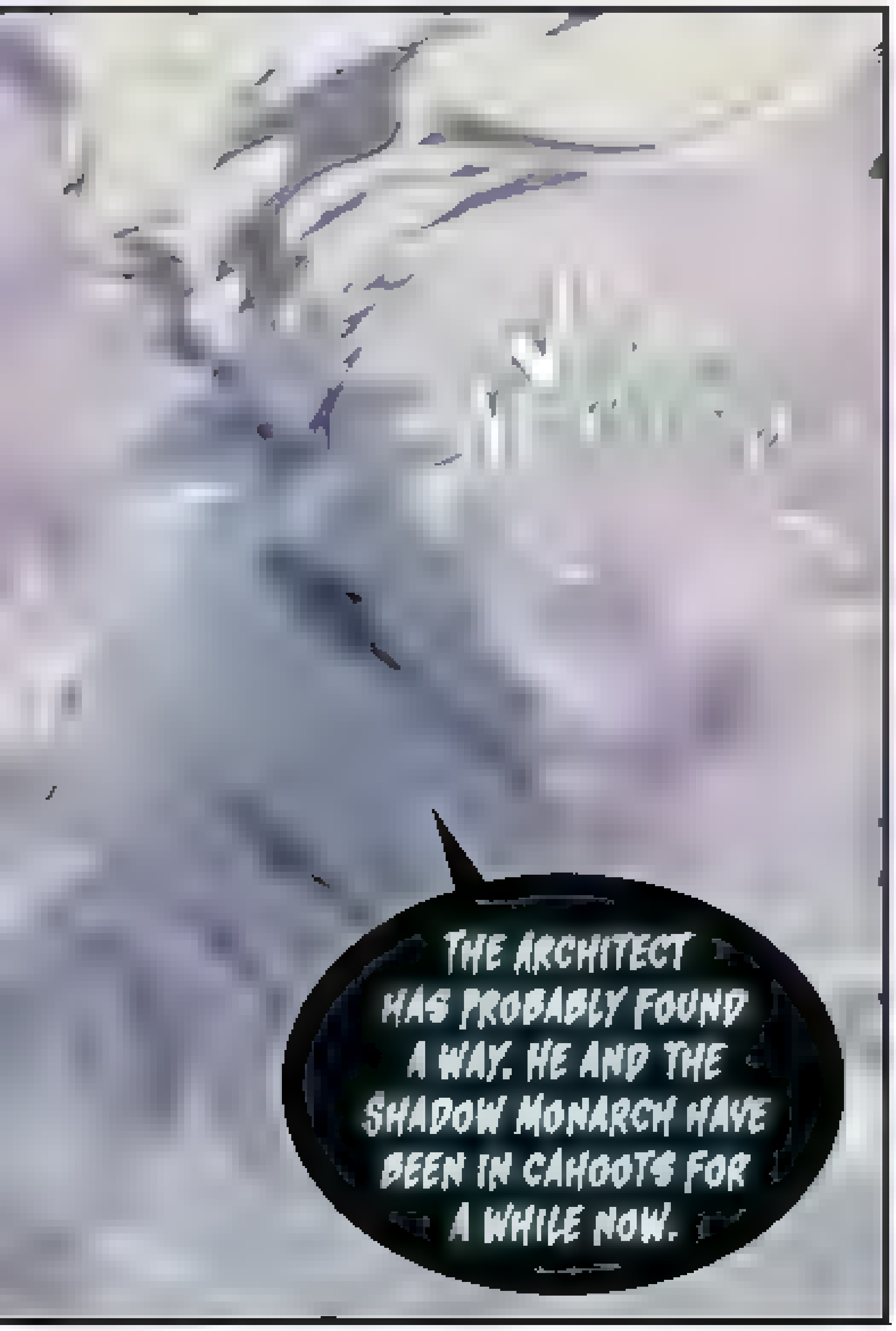
SLASH
SLASH
WOOSH
WHISH

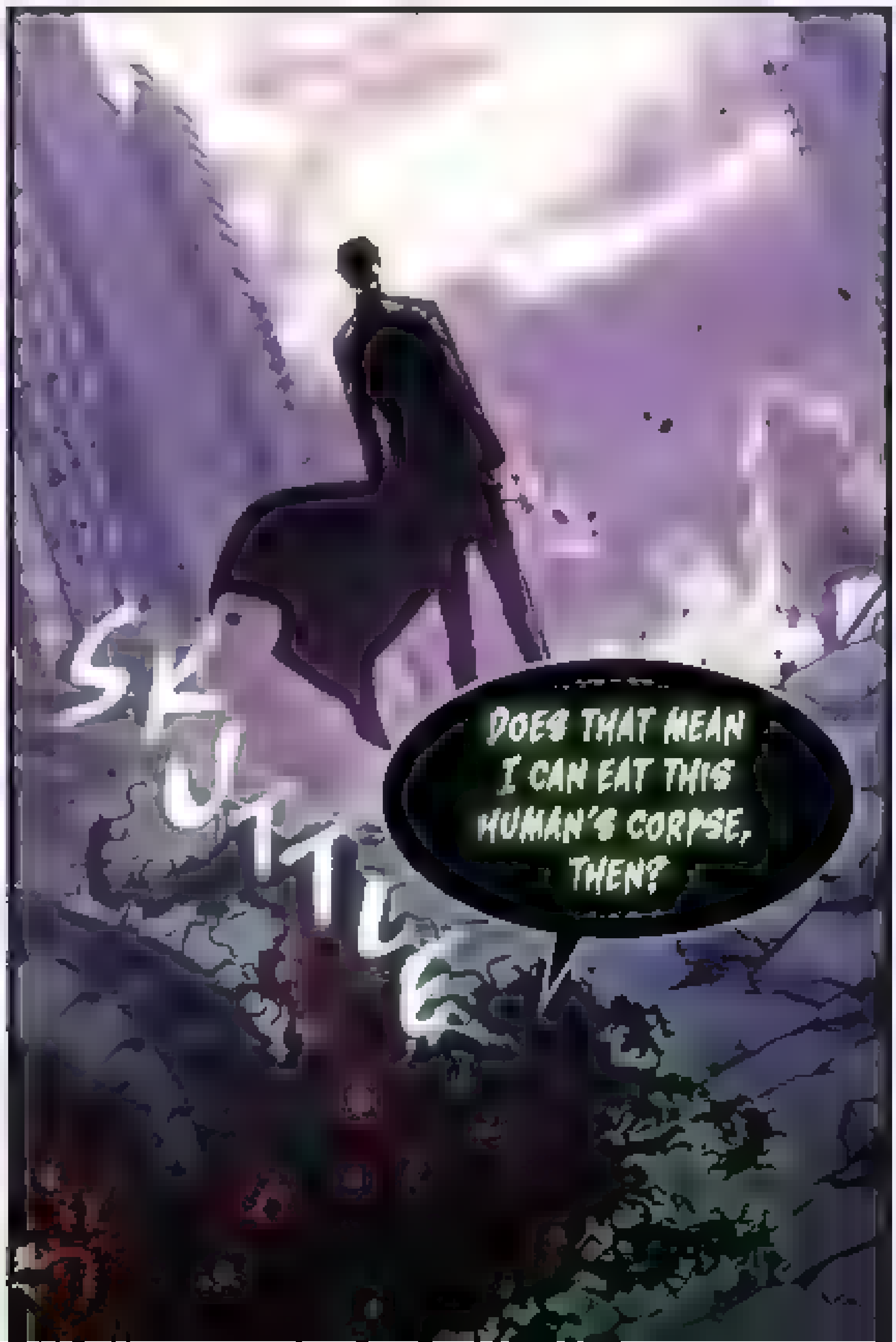

HWOOO
WHIRL
POW

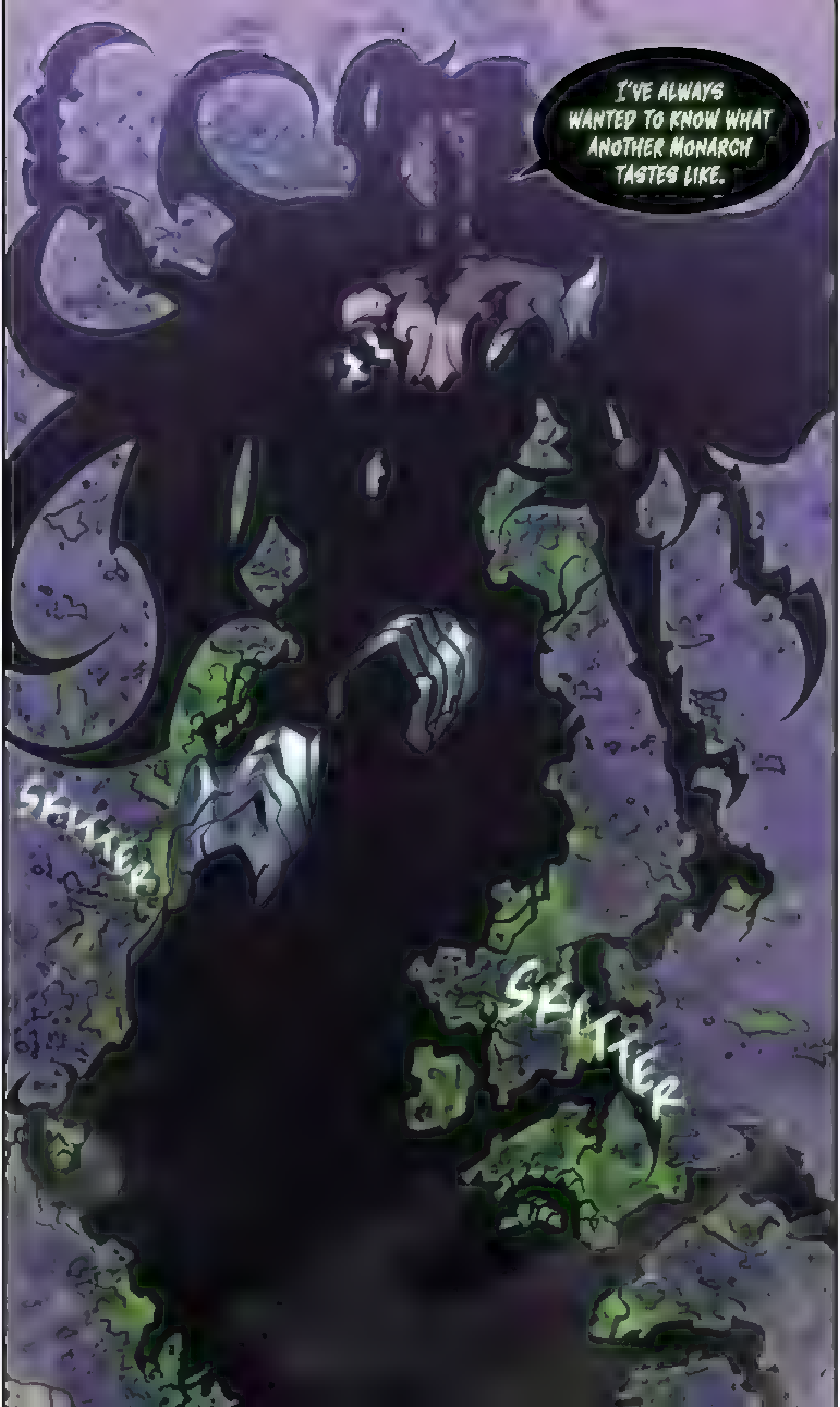
WHAM
<Huh...?>
TMP
COULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THOMAS SOMEWHERE SAFE?

So it's true.
The shadow bastard's scent is mixed with a human's.
CRUMBLE
GRRRRR!
HUMAN...!
<Don't worry about us!>
WHAT AN INCREDIBLY HOSTILE ENERGY.
NOT ONLY THAT...


...THERE'S MORE THAN ONE.
HOW IS A MERE HUMAN ABLE TO CHANNEL THIS MUCH POWER FROM A HIGHER BEING?


THE ARCHITECT HAS PROBABLY FOUND A WAY. HE AND THE SHADOW MONARCH HAVE BEEN IN CAHOOTS FOR A WHILE NOW.


DOES THAT MEAN I CAN EAT THIS HUMAN'S CORPSE, THEN?


I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW WHAT ANOTHER MONARCH TASTES LIKE.
SKITTER
SKITTER

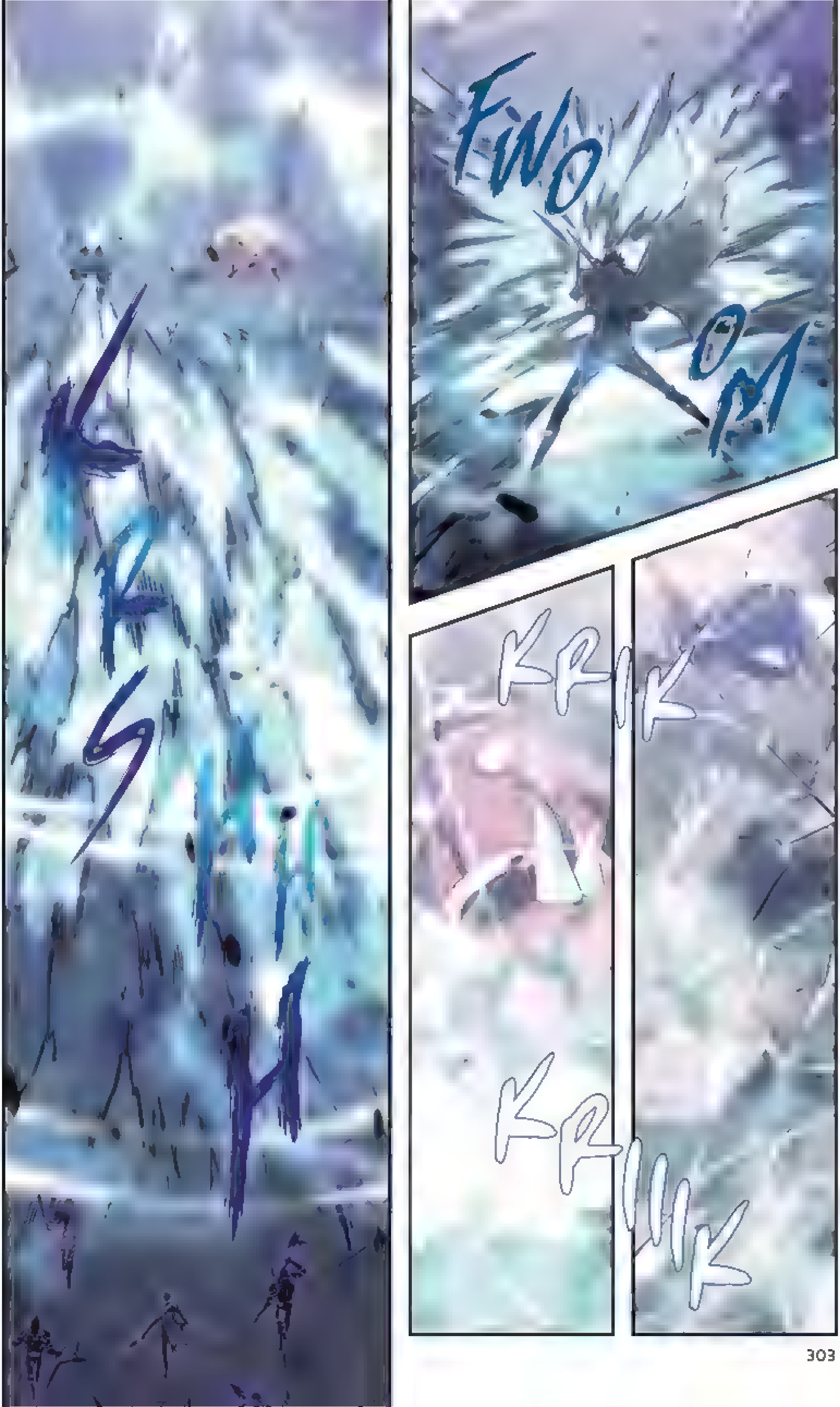
The Frost Monarch, King of the Snow Folk, has designated you as an enemy.
The Fang Monarch, King of Beasts, has designated you as an enemy.
The Plague Monarch, Queen of Insects, has designated you as an enemy.

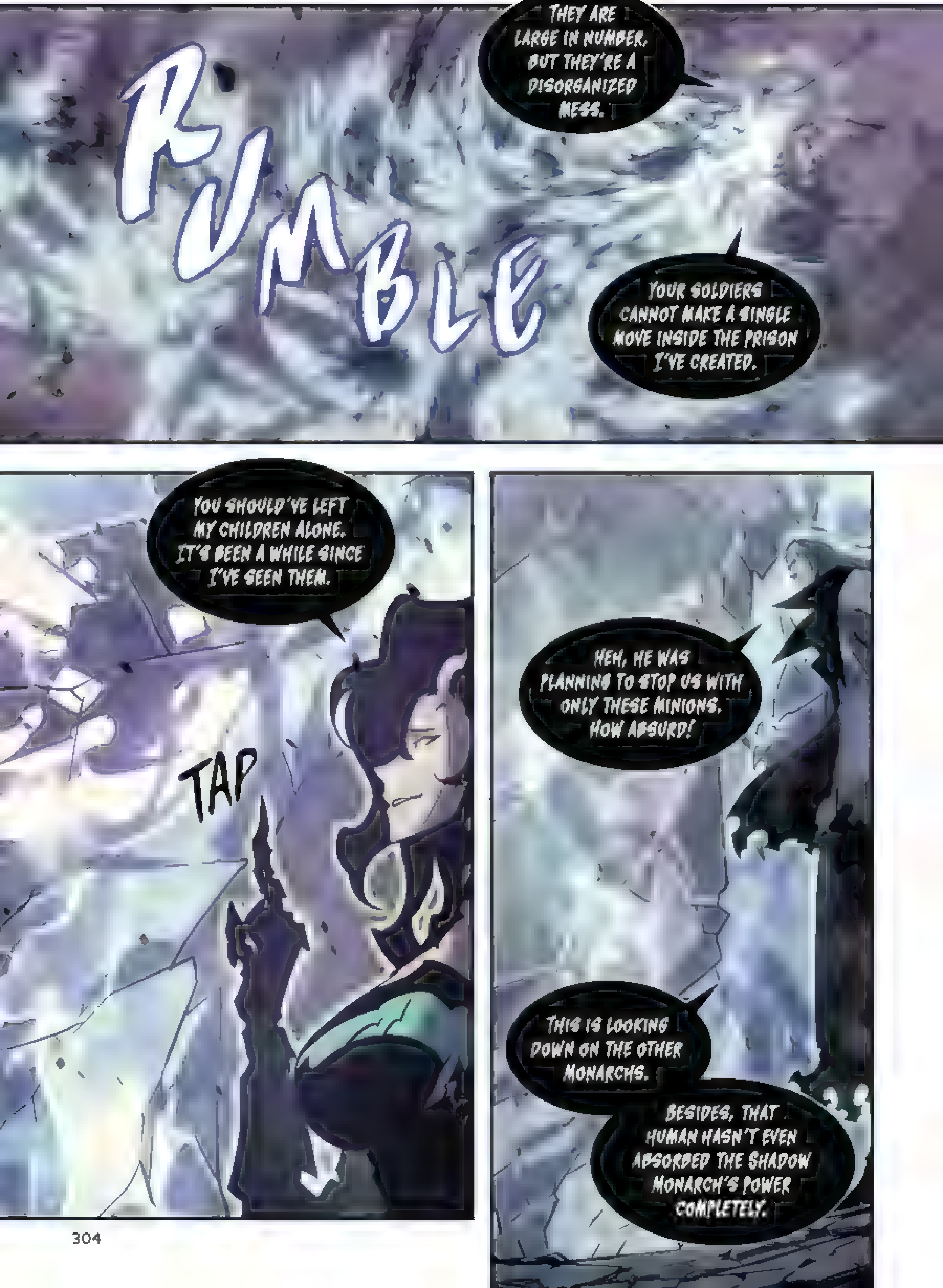
KRAKOOOM
FWOOSH

COME OUT.

WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH

So THIS IS THE NEW SHADOW ARMY?
HUP!


FWOOM
KRIK
KRIIIK


RUMBLE
THEY ARE LARGE IN NUMBER, BUT THEY'RE A DISORGANIZED MESS.
YOUR SOLDIERS CANNOT MAKE A SINGLE MOVE INSIDE THE PRISON I'VE CREATED.
YOU SHOULD'VE LEFT MY CHILDREN ALONE. IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE SEEN THEM.
TAP
HEH, HE WAS PLANNING TO STOP US WITH ONLY THESE MINIONS. HOW ABSURD!
THIS IS LOOKING DOWN ON THE OTHER MONARCHS.
BESIDES, THAT HUMAN HASN'T EVEN ABSORBED THE SHADOW MONARCH'S POWER COMPLETELY.

ALTHOUGH THE SHADOW MONARCH WAS THE STRONGEST, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE UNDERESTIMATED THE REST OF US.
YOU.
KRAK
SHF
TWIRL

YOU, AT LEAST, WILL DIE TODAY.

TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 12...

The Player has died.

WILL JINWOO MEET HIS END AT THE HANDS OF THE MONARCHS?

WHAT AWAITS JINWOO SUNG AT THE EDGE OF HIS DEMISE?

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